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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into December 9, 1999 by and between the Manistee Area Public Schools, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC, for itself, and on behalf of its Local Union 14758, hereinafter referred to as the "Union."

ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION, EMPLOYEES COVERED

A. Employees Covered

Pursuant to, and in accordance with, all applicable provisions of Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965 as amended, the Employer does hereby recognize the Union as the sole and exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other conditions of employment, for the term of this Agreement of all permanent, full-time and regular part-time food service personnel (cooks), excluding all supervisory, clerical, custodial, teaching and substitute employees, and all other employees.

B. New Position

Any new position created during the life of this Agreement will be added to the unit, providing it is similar to a position heretofore recognized.

C. Non-discrimination

It is the continuing policy of the Employer and the Union that they shall not discriminate against any bargaining unit member on the basis of race, sex, creed, color, national origin or age.

ARTICLE II - CHECKOFF OF UNION DUES AND REPRESENTATION FEES AND UNION SECURITY

A. Membership

All employees employed in the bargaining unit or who become employees in the bargaining unit who are not already members of the Union shall, within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of this provision, or within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of hire by the Employer, whichever is later, become members, or in the alternative shall, within thirty (30) calendar days of their hire by the Employer, pay to the Union a service charge in an amount equal to the regular monthly dues uniformly required of employees who are members, less any portion of such dues not attributable to the costs of contract negotiations and administration, as required by law.

B. Authorization

An employee who shall tender or authorize the deduction of membership dues or service fees uniformly required as a condition of acquiring or obtaining membership in the Union shall be deemed to meet the conditions of this Article.

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C. Service Fee Non-Payment

In the event the bargaining unit member does not pay such service fee directly or authorize payment through payroll deduction, the Employer shall, pursuant to MALA 408.477, MSA 17.277 (7), and at the written request of the Union, deduct the service fee from the bargaining unit member's wages and remit same to the Union under the procedures provided below:

1. The procedure in all cases of non-payment of the service fee shall be as follows:
  - (a) The Union will notify the bargaining unit member of non-compliance by certified mail, return receipt requested. Said notice shall detail the non-compliance and shall provide ten (10) days for compliance, and shall further advise the recipient that a request for wage deduction may be filed with the Employer in the event compliance is not effected.
  - (b) If the bargaining unit member fails to remit the service fee or authorize deduction for same, the Union may request the Employer to make such deduction pursuant to paragraph C. above.
  - (c) The Employer, upon receipt of request for involuntary deduction, shall provide the bargaining unit member with an opportunity for a due process hearing. This hearing shall address the question of whether or not the bargaining unit member has remitted the service fee to the Union or authorized payroll deduction of the same.

D. Deduction

The Union will certify to the Employer the amount of membership dues and the amount of the service fee to be deducted by the Employer and that said service fee includes only those amounts permitted by the Agreement and by law. The Employer will continue to deduct dues, service fees and initiation fees at the rate in effect at the signing of this Agreement until officially notified, in writing, of a change as provided in this Article. The sole authorized representative of the union, for the purpose of certifying the amount of any change in monthly dues, service fees, assessments, and/or initiation fees to be deducted by the Employer shall be the International Secretary/Treasurer of the Union.

E. Religious Exceptions

A bargaining unit member who, because of sincerely held individual religious beliefs or due to adherence to teachings of a bona fide religion, body, or sect which has historically held conscientious objection to joining or supporting labor membership or otherwise financially support the Union as a condition of employment. However, such bargaining unit member initiation fees, to pay sums equal to such amounts to a non-religious charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donation shall be made to one of three charitable organizations as mutually designed by the Employer and the Union. The burden of qualifying for this provision shall be upon the bargaining unit member.

F. Indemnification

The Union agrees to indemnify the Board against any and all legal claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that arise out of action taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with the foregoing agency shop provision.

G. Transmittal of Deductions

Initiation fees of the Union, dues, service fees and assessments as designated to the Board in writing by the International Secretary/Treasurer of the Union shall be deducted (as specified in this Article) by the Employer and remitted to the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC, at Five Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. The Employer shall forward deducted amounts to the Union within thirty (30) days after the deduction is made.

H. Union Security

The Employer agrees that new employees shall be subject to the union security provisions of this Article 30 days after the beginning of employment.

ARTICLE III - UNION REPRESENTATION

A. Union Representatives

The Local Union shall advise the Employer in writing of the names of all committee members and Local Union Officers within ten (10) days of their election or appointment. The Local Union shall have the right to call in a representative of the International Union at any time, provided it does not interfere with the employee's work.

B. Grievance Committee

The Local Union shall elect or select one (1) person to represent the employees of the bargaining unit as the Grievance Chairman.

C. Bargaining Committee

The Local Union Bargaining Committee shall be comprised of the Grievance Chairman, one designated member of the bargaining unit, and the International Representative.

D. Processing Grievances

The Grievance Chairman or an alternate may process or investigate a grievance and/or complaint at his/her discretion after notifying the Employer.

The Grievance Chairman, or an alternate, may process or investigate a written grievance or a complaint with the Employer's representative.

## ARTICLE IV - SPECIAL MEETINGS

### A. Special Meetings

Special meetings will be scheduled by the Grievance Chairman and the Employer, or its designated representative upon the request of either party. Arrangements for special meetings shall be made in advance. Meetings shall be held at a time mutually agreed upon. This meeting may be attended by designated representatives of the Local Union and/or a representative of the International Union.

### B. Building Use

The Union may use a room, as designated by the Employer, for Union business.

## ARTICLE V - EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

### A. Employee Discipline

Employee discipline includes oral and written reprimands, suspensions with or without pay, reduction in rank, and discharge. An employee is entitled to have present in a disciplinary meeting a representative of the union. Manistee Area Public Schools believes in a progressive disciplinary process. The process usually follows this pattern:

1. Oral warning or reprimand
2. Written warning or reprimand
3. Suspension
4. Discharge

Severe violations of conduct or responsibility may result in higher levels of discipline immediately. All complaints regarding an employee's job performance by a parent of a student will be reported to the employee's attention.

## ARTICLE VI - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

### A. Definitions (All days herein refer to working days)

1. A grievance is a claim by one or more employees that there has been an alleged improper application or violation of this Agreement.
2. An aggrieved employee is the employee(s) who is directly affected and, therefore, will make the claim.
3. In this Article, the term, "employee" may also mean "Union," when the Union grieves on behalf of members of the bargaining unit who, because of extenuating circumstances, are unable to represent themselves.

B. Grievance Form

Any grievance presented in writing by an employee should include the following:

1. Specific statement of facts giving rise to the alleged violation.
2. Section or subsection of this contract alleged to have violated.
3. Date of alleged violation.
4. Relief requested.
5. Signature of the grievant, if possible.

C. Procedure

Step 1: An employee has five (5) days after he/she becomes aware of, or could reasonably have become aware of an event upon which a grievance may be filed to orally discuss the matter with the Food Service Director, who will attempt to resolve the matter informally. If the aggrieved employee is not satisfied with the oral disposition of the grievance by the Food Service Director, the employee may request the Grievance Chairman for further discussion of the matter. If discussion by the Grievance Chairman does not resolve the matter, the employee or Grievance Chairman may pursue the matter by filing a grievance in written form with the Food Service Director within five (5) days of such discussion. The Food Service Director shall return the written answer within five (5) days thereafter.

Step 2: If the Union or aggrieved employee is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Step 1, notification within five (5) days thereafter shall be transmitted to the Superintendent appealing the grievance to Step 2. The Superintendent or his designee shall then meet at a mutually satisfactory time with the aggrieved and appropriate Union representatives to discuss the matter. The Superintendent or his designee will respond to the Union with a written answer within five (5) days of such meeting. A copy of the grievance and answer will be mailed to the International Union Representative immediately. Either party shall have the right to have present at such meeting representatives who may have knowledge of the matter and who may be helpful in reaching a resolution of the matter.

Step 3: Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Superintendent's or his designee's response at Step 2, if the union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance, it may be appealed to Step 3 by the International union Representative, in writing, to the Manistee Area Public Schools' Board of Education. The Board or its designee shall meet at a mutually satisfactory time with the appropriate representatives to discuss the matter. The Board shall respond to the Union with a written answer to the grievance within ten (10) days after such meeting with a copy mailed to the International Representative.

Step 4: In the event the grievance pertains to any matter other than discharge of an employee, and is not satisfactorily settled in Step 3, the Union or the Board may request advisory mediation to assist in arriving at a satisfactory resolution.

If a grievance involves a claim of wrongful discharge and is not satisfactorily resolved at Step 3 of the grievance procedure, the Union may request arbitration as hereinafter provided for in this Agreement. The Union must notify the other Employer in writing of such desire within ten (10)

calendar days of the day the written disposition was given or due under the last Step of the Grievance Procedure provided for in this Agreement. In the event that a party should fail to serve such written notice, the matter shall be considered as settled on the basis of the disposition made in the last Step of the Grievance procedure.

After receipt of a desire to arbitrate, the parties shall attempt to agree on an arbitrator. If the parties are unable to so agree within ten (10) calendar days, or within a longer period if mutually agreed upon, either party may submit the matter to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service requesting that an arbitrator be selected with assistance and under the rules of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The arbitrator shall be selected from a list of seven (7) names of Michigan arbitrators supplied by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. The arbitrator will be selected by the alternate striking method. The party requesting arbitration will notify the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service of the selection.

The parties understand and agree that in making this Agreement they have resolved for its term all bargaining issues which were or could have been made the subject of discussion. The arbitral forum herein established is intended to resolve disputes between the parties only over the interpretation or application of the matters which are specifically covered in this Agreement and which are not excluded from arbitration.

The arbitrator shall have no power to add to or subtract from or modify any of the terms of this Agreement or any supplementary agreement, nor to rule on any matter except while this Agreement is in full force and effect between the parties.

The expenses of the arbitrator shall be borne totally by the losing party to the arbitration. Each party shall make arrangements for and pay the expenses of witnesses which are called by them.

There shall be no appeal from an arbitrator's decision. It shall be final and binding on the Union, the Employer and on all employees. Both parties agree not to further pursue the matter in the courts.

#### D. Time Limits

If the time limits contained within the grievance procedure are exceeded by the Union, the grievance shall be considered settled on the basis of the last answer given by the Employer if the time limits are exceeded by the Employer's representative, the grievance shall be considered granted. Time limits in the grievance procedure may be extended by mutual agreement in writing.

#### E. Disclosure

At all steps of the grievance procedure, the grievant and the Union representatives shall disclose to the Employer's representatives a full and detailed statement of facts relied upon and the remedy sought, and the provisions of the Agreement relied upon. In the same manner, the Employer's representatives shall disclose all facts relied upon by the Employer.

F. Claims for Back Wages

All claims for back wages shall be limited to the amount of wages that the employee would otherwise have earned.

ARTICLE VII - DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE

A. Discharge

In all instances in which the Employer concludes that an employee's conduct justified discharge, he shall first be suspended for not more than three (3) days except that no prior discipline or warning need be imposed before he is discharged if the misconduct is so aggravated, in the opinion of the Employer, as to require immediate discharge or the cause of discharge is dishonesty, drunkenness, recklessness, harassment of students, gross negligence, being under the influence of drugs or intoxicating beverages while on duty. However, the Union reserves the right to argue the reasonableness under Article VI of this Agreement. Discharge must be by proper written notice to the Union Grievance Chairman and employee. The employee or the Grievance Chairman may request an investigation as to his/her discharge. A grievance must be filed within three (3) days unless an extension of the time limits has been agreed to in writing.

B. Hearing

During this period of suspension, the employee may, if he/she believes he/she has been unjustly dealt with, request a hearing and a statement of the offense before representatives of the Board with the Grievance Chairman and/or International Union Representative present. At such hearing the facts concerning the case shall be made available to both parties. The Board shall conclude whether the discharge shall be implemented or whether the suspension shall be extended, reduced, or revoked.

C. Written Documents and Meeting

1. The Board agrees that its Superintendent will provide to the Grievance Chairman a copy of any written comment implementing the discipline and/or discharge of any employee within the bargaining unit.
2. The Board agrees to provide a facility in which an employee disciplined and/or discharged may meet with a Union representative before they are required to leave the premises. The employee shall have the right to Union representation during the disciplinary process.

D. Appeal

Should the employee or the Union consider the discharge or suspension to be improper, a grievance may be submitted by the employee in writing at Step 2 of Article VI-C within three (3) days following the action.

E. Use of Past Record

To be fair and consistent, discipline should follow a progressive pattern. Therefore, all violations within the past twelve (12) months will be taken into consideration when taking disciplinary action against an employee.

ARTICLE VIII - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The probationary period for each new employee shall be thirty (30) days of employment for that employee. Any employee working within the probationary period may be disciplined and/or discharged by the Employer for any reason at any time.

During the probationary period an employee shall not be eligible for employee benefits. After an employee has successfully completed his probationary period of employment, he shall become a regular full-time or regular part-time employee and seniority shall start as herein provided.

ARTICLE IX - SENIORITY

A. Definition

The word "seniority" means service in the employ of the Employer from the date the employee reports to work in any position represented by the Union.

B. Probationary Employees

1. There shall be no seniority among probationary employees.
2. When an employee finishes the probationary period, the employee will be granted full seniority as defined in Section A.

C. Seniority Lists

1. The seniority list for the bargaining unit will show the name, starting date, and job title.
2. The employer will provide a copy of the seniority list to the Grievance Chairman and the International union on September 15 of each year.

D. Similar Seniority Dates

If two or more employees have the same seniority date, a mutually agreeable method (coin toss, draw straws, etc.) will be done with a representative from both the union and the Employer present.



E. Loss of Seniority

Seniority shall be lost for any of the following reasons:

1. If the employee quits.
2. If the employee retires.
3. If the employee is discharged for just cause and not reinstated.
4. If the employee is absent for three (3) consecutive days without submitting a reasonable excuse acceptable to the Employer. Allowances will be made for emergency situations.
5. If the employee does not return to work from leave of absence within three (3) working days after the leave expires, without submitting a reasonable excuse acceptable to the Employer. Allowances will be made for emergency situations.
6. If the employee is laid off for more than thirty-six (36) months.
7. If the employee does not return to work within five (5) working days after the date of recall from layoff, without submitting a reasonable excuse acceptable to the Employer. Allowances will be made for emergency situations.

ARTICLE X - LAYOFF AND RECALL

A. Definitions

The definition of the word "layoff" means a reduction in the number of bargaining unit employees employed by the Board for any reason with recall rights.

B. Lay-off Procedure

In the event a reduction in work force requires a layoff of employees, the following procedure will be used:

1. Probationary employees shall be the first laid off.
2. Non-probationary employees shall be laid off according to seniority, i.e., the least senior employee shall be laid off first.
3. Employees to be laid off will receive at least seven (7) calendar days' notice

C. Recall Procedure

In the event a job opening occurs while employees are laid off, the following procedure will be used:

1. The Board shall not be required to recall any probationary employee who is laid off.
2. All employees shall be required to return to their jobs when seniority permits.
3. The Board agrees not to hire new employees while seniority employees are laid off.

D. Notice

Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at the last known address by registered or certified mail, if not reached by telephone.

ARTICLE XI - FILLING PERMANENT JOB VACANCIES

A. Posting

The Board shall notify the employees of newly created or vacant positions to be filled by posting. Any employee may indicate his/her interest immediately thereafter to the Food Service Director by written notice. The person awarded the vacancy shall be paid at the rate of that job.

Vacancies shall be posted in each building for a period of ten working days. Said postings shall contain the following information:

1. Location of work
2. Starting date
3. rate of pay
4. Hours to be worked

B. Assignment

Employees will be awarded the position by seniority, with a thirty (30) calendar day break-in period. He/she will be assigned at the next most convenient starting point, not to exceed five (5) working days following their assignment. The employee may return to his/her former position, after giving notice to the Employer, before the thirty (30) calendar day break-in period expires. The Grievance Chairman will receive from the Food Service Director the name of the applicant awarded the position.

C. Transfer Outside the Bargaining Unit

If an employee is transferred to a position with the Board not included in the bargaining unit, he/she shall have his/her seniority frozen as of the date of transfer. If the employee is thereafter transferred back into a position within the bargaining unit, he/she shall have received his/her frozen seniority and begin accumulating additional seniority as of the date of re-entrance into the bargaining unit.

D. Job Descriptions

Before any existing job description is altered by the Employer, it will first be discussed with and agreed to by the Union.

ARTICLE XII - FILLING TEMPORARY VACANCIES

A. Posting

Temporary vacancies may be posted or the employees may be canvassed by seniority if the vacancy is expected to extend beyond five (5) working days. The posting will indicate the classification, shift, and wage scale. The person awarded the vacancy shall be paid at the rate of that job.

B. Returning

When the temporary vacancy is closed, the employee affected will return to his/her former job classification.

C. Day-to-Day Vacancy

Vacancies expected to last more than five days will be filled by canvassing employees having fewer regular daily hours of work, by seniority . If no bargaining unit member chooses to fill the temporary vacancy, the employer may fill the position by a substitute.

D. Substitutes

The Food Service Director shall hire a substitute for all absent employees.

ARTICLE XIII - LEAVES WITHOUT PAY

A. Leave

Leaves of absence for reasonable periods not to exceed one (1) year may be granted by the Superintendent or his designee without loss of seniority. The Board hereby agrees to full compliance with all provisions of the Family Leave Act. Seniority shall not accrue during a personal leave exceeding 30 days, however, seniority shall continue to accrue during medical leave and leave taken under the Family Leave Act.

B. Application for Leave of Absence

An application requesting a leave of absence must be submitted to the Superintendent not later than two (2) weeks prior to the time the leave is to commence, provided, however, in emergency cases, exceptions may be made. The request for the leave of absence must be in writing setting forth the reasons for the leave of absence and the anticipated length of time, and, if requested, verification shall be submitted. Any extensions of leaves of absence shall be handled the same as the request for regular leave.

C. Returning from Leave

Employees returning from medical leave may be required to provide certification of their ability to return to work.

ARTICLE XIV - LEAVE FOR UNION BUSINESS

Members of the Union selected to attend a function of the Union, such as conventions or conferences, shall be allowed time off without pay to attend such conferences or conventions. The Superintendent will be given at least one week advance notice.

## ARTICLE XV - LEAVE WITH PAY

### A. Sick Leave

All food service employees shall be granted fifteen (15) working days' sick leave each year. During the first year they shall be permitted 1 1/4 working days per month sick leave for months worked until they have earned a total of fifteen (15) days. Sick leave may be accumulated to eighty-five (85) days. Such sick days may be used for personal illness, illness in the immediate family household requiring the care and attendance of the employee, upon request to, and approval of, the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The Board shall retain the right to require a doctor's statement concerning any illness extending more than three (3) days.

An employee, in the case of extended illness, may be granted, upon his/her request, a leave of absence of up to one year without pay. Insurance benefits shall be continued by the Board and or **Superintendent** for a period not to exceed three (3) months. Existing seniority, vacation and/or other leave days shall be retained but not accrued during the leave period.

### B. Personal Days

Each employee shall be granted two (2) personal days per year, not to be deducted from sick leave. Although the purpose of the use of such personal day does not need to be stated, the employee must give at least two days' advance notice, if possible.

### C. Court Appearance

Other leaves with pay, not deductible from sick leave, are absences for court appearances as a witness, when subpoenaed, except as a result of another job. Paid leaves of absence will be granted for jury duty. Any compensation received by the employee in the form of witness fees or jury pay will be given to the Employer to offset wages paid.

### D. Funeral Leave

An employee shall be allowed time off, with pay not deducted from sick leave, for funeral leave for a death in the immediate family. The employee shall be granted three (3) days off for funerals within the State of Michigan; up to two (2) additional days, deducted from sick leave, may be used for a death outside the State of Michigan. Immediate family shall be defined as follows: mother, father, brother, sister, wife, husband, children, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchildren, grandparents, step parents, step children, and other members of the employee's household. In addition, the Board may grant leave for the death of another person upon request of the employee.

E. Attendance Incentive

As an attendance incentive, when an employee has accumulated eighty-five (85) sick days, he/she shall receive payment at 1/2 the normal daily rate for any sick days that would otherwise be lost due to the maximum accumulation limit on an annual basis.

ARTICLE XVI - HOURS OF WORK

A. Work Guarantee

1. Food Service personnel shall not be expected to report to work, but shall be paid their normal daily rate of pay on days that school is canceled due to inclement weather, provided the days are not rescheduled.
2. When individual school cafeterias are closed on official student attendance days, food service personnel shall be permitted to work their normal shift and receive their normal rate of pay, when requested by the Food Service Director. When food service personnel have been requested to work under these circumstances, such time may be devoted to extra cleaning and organizing activities.

On in service days where no meals are being served and students do not attend, food service personnel will not report to work unless requested by the Food Service Director.

3. A food service worker shall be employed when a kitchen is being used for banquets, fund raising meals, etc., if the activity is making use of a significant amount of facilities and equipment. Such extra work opportunities shall be assigned on a rotational basis, by building with the approval of the Superintendent. It shall be the responsibility of the Local Union to maintain the rotational schedule.

B. Hours

The normal work week shall consist of not more than 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Paid holidays, paid jury and/or personal days shall be considered as time worked for overtime computation.

C. Minimum Reporting Allowance

Each employee reporting for work shall be guaranteed two (2) hours of pay or two (2) hours of work.

ARTICLE XVII - OVERTIME

A. Rate of Pay

Employees shall be paid time and one-half for all hours over 40 hours in any one week.

ARTICLE XVIII - HOLIDAYS

A. Holiday Eligibility

With proper notice, two employees district wide may take a personal day before or after a holiday and receive holiday pay.

B. Holiday Pay

All employees shall be paid at their regular rate of pay for the following holidays:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. New Year's Day       | 6. Thanksgiving Day       |
| 2. Semester Records Day | 7. Day After Thanksgiving |
| 3. Good Friday          | 8. Christmas Eve          |
| 4. Memorial Day         | 9. Christmas Day          |
| 5. Labor Day            | 10. December 26           |
|                         | 11. New Year's Eve        |

ARTICLE XIX - HEALTH INSURANCE

A. Hospitalization Insurance

The Board will provide to those cafeteria employees working a regular schedule of four (4) or more hours per day, single subscriber hospitalization insurance. Any employee so eligible may instead elect self-spouse or full family coverage with 70% of the premium paid by the Employer, except that in no case shall the employee share of the premium for such extended coverage exceed \$100 per month during the 1996-97 contract year. Effective July 1, 1997 the cap of \$100 shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the BC/BS premium. The cap shall be adjusted in a similar manner effective July 1, 1998. The Employer shall pay 50% of the premium for the above-referenced hospitalization insurance plan for those employees working less than four (4) hours per day.

B. Life Insurance

The Board will provide a term life insurance policy in the amount of \$10,000 for employees working a regular schedule of four (4) or more hours per day and \$7500 term life for employees working less than four (4) hours per day.

C. Vision Insurance

The Board agrees to pay the full premium of SET Vision Plan I, or equivalent, including a \$110 frame allowance option for all employees working a regular schedule of four (4) or more hours per day.

D. Dual Insurance

Employee working four or more hours per day who elect not to participate in the Employer paid hospitalization program shall be provided a Section 125 cash option of \$850 per year. Employees working less than four hours per day shall be provided with a Section 125 cash option of \$425 per year.

E. Longevity

Each food service employee shall be paid an annual longevity stipend equal to \$25.00 for each year of employment in the Manistee Area Public Schools, not to exceed \$500.00. Such payment shall be on the final payday of the calendar year and calculated on the basis of the number of prior full years of employment.

F. Long Term Disability

The Board shall provide long term disability insurance for all employees working a regular schedule of four (4) or more hours per day. (Monthly Maximum Benefit of 60% of monthly earnings subject to a maximum benefit of \$1500 with a Qualifying Period of 90 calendar days.)

G. Worker's Compensation

All employees covered by this Agreement are covered by Workmen's Compensation as required by State and Federal law which provides certain benefits for those with a work-related illness and/or injury. The employee(s) shall promptly refer any medical bills in connection with a work-related illness and/or injury to the Board for disposition of payment. In emergency situations, the employee's supervisor shall make arrangements to transport the injured or ill employee(s) to the nearest doctor providing emergency medical treatment. The doctor must be notified, if possible, by the employee that his/her injury or illness may be work-related so that all bills for treatment can be referred directly to the Board for disposition of payment. Until the affected employee is released to return to work, the Employer shall continue hospitalization insurance coverage for the employee up to a period of one year.

ARTICLE XX - HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Employer and the Union will cooperate in the continuing objectives to eliminate accidents and health hazards for the safety and health of its employees during their hours of employment.

## ARTICLE XXI - WAGES

### A. Wage Scale

The wages shown in Appendix A will be part of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE XXII - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

### A. No Strikes

The Union, nor any person acting in its behalf, nor any individual employee will cause, authorize, support or take part in any strike (stoppage of work) for the life of this Agreement.

### B. Lockouts

The Employer agrees that during the life of this Agreement there shall be no lockouts of employees.

## ARTICLE XXIII - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### A. Contracts

The Employer, at its expense, will provide to each of its employees a contract and insurance agreement within four (4) weeks after the contract has been signed between the parties.

### B. Sub-Contracts

In the event sub-contracting is being considered which would impact upon the employment conditions of union employees, the Employer agrees to discuss such impact with the Union prior to any decision to proceed with such sub-contracting.

### C. Benefit Notification

On September 15 of each year, the Employer will provide for each employee a list containing the amount of accumulated sick days, and his/her length of seniority. A copy of such list will be forwarded to the International Union. Changes in retirement benefits will be posted.

### D. Vandalism

The Board agrees to pay for vandalism on school property of an employee's automobile to a maximum of \$100 of uninsured costs of repair.

### E. Certification

The Board shall pay the annual dues to the M.S.F.S.A. for employees eligible for certification.

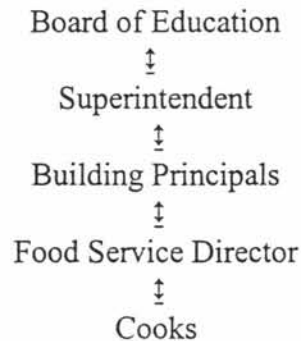


F. Meetings

Any meetings at which the attendance of the food service employees is required will be paid for all hours at their regular rate of pay.

G. Supervision of Employees

The Superintendent is responsible for the general supervision for all employees. The Food Service Director is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of cafeteria personnel. Evaluation and discipline of food service personnel shall be the responsibility of the Food Service Director, subject to the grievance procedure. The chain of command shall be as follows:



ARTICLE XXIV - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

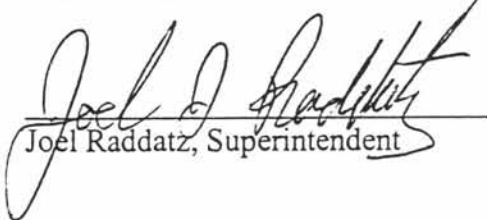
- A. The Board, on its own behalf and on the behalf of the electors of the district, hereby retains and reserves unto itself without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities, conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right:
1. To the executive management and administrative control of the school system and its properties and facilities.
  2. To the full and exclusive control, direction and supervision of operations and working forces, and shall have the right to change jobs, hours of work, or to establish new jobs as required by operating procedures, subject to the seniority and other provisions herein contained.
  3. To establish Board regulations, practices, and safety rules, from time to time, and distribute same to the employees, subject to the provisions contained herein.
- B. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities, by the Board, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only to the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan and the Constitution and laws of the United States.

ARTICLE XXV - TERMINATION AND NOTICE

This Agreement shall be effective as of **December 9, 1999**, and shall remain in effect through **June 30, 2000**. It will automatically renew itself for one year unless either party notifies the other party, in writing, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date. Notice shall be sent by certified mail to the respective addresses, and negotiations shall begin within forty-five (45) days after receipt of notification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by the duly authorized representatives this \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

**MANISTEE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS:**

  
Joel Raddatz, Superintendent

  
Ed Seng, President Board of Education

**UNITED STEELWORKERS OF AMERICA - AFL-CIO-CLC:**

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George Becker, Intn'l. Pres.

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Leo Gerard, Intn'l. Sec/Treas.

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Richard Davis, Intn'l. V. Pres.  
(Administration)

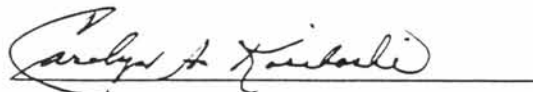
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Leon Lynch, Intn'l. V. Pres.  
(Human Affairs)

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Harry E. Lester, Director  
District 29

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James V. Hughes, Sub-District

**NEGOTIATING TEAM:**

  
Mary M. Johnson

  
Carolyn A. Kunkin

APPENDIX A

EMPLOYEES HIRED BEFORE 7-1-96

	Effective <u>7-1-98</u>	Effective <u>7-1-99</u>
Beginning Rate	\$ 8.55	\$ 8.80
After 1 year w/o certification	10.00	10.30
After 1 year certified	10.05	10.35

(The above rates shall be considered the minimums for each of the respective years. Should the CPI-U (All Cities) from July 1, 1996 to July 1, 1997 increase by more than 3% the effective rates for 7-1-97 shall be determined by multiplying the 7-1-96 rates by such percentage of increase. The rates for the (1998-99-00) contract year shall be calculated in a similar manner.

EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER 7-1-96

	Effective <u>7-1-98</u>	Effective <u>7-1-99</u>
Beginning Rate	\$8.50	\$8.75
After 1 yr w/o certification	9.00	9.25
After 1 yr certified	9.05	9.30

## APPENDIX B

### Job Description

The duties of the cafeteria personnel shall be:

1. Prepare meals for students and adults in compliance with the Food and Nutrition Act Standards.
2. Maintain required food production records.
3. Maintain acceptable standards of cleanliness and sanitation as determined by the Department of Public Health.
4. Prepare menus and order food and other necessary supplies for the food production process.
5. Perform such other duties as assigned by the Administration.

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT ARTICLE II UNION SECURITY AND CHECK-OFF

Employees who work for 40 hours in any one month shall be required to pay either dues or a service fee equal to 1.3% of their gross wages, less any amounts not permitted by law. The 1.3% shall be computed based upon the employee's earnings in the previous year (July 1 - June 30) with the Manistee Public Schools. Computation of dues deductions for the cooks shall be based on 20 pay periods. For purposes of the initial collective bargaining agreement, dues shall begin being paid upon ratification.

Initiation fees shall be paid by all employees hired after the ratification date of this Agreement. The initiation fee shall be \$10.00, and it shall be withheld in two \$5.00 installments. It shall then be forwarded to the International Union with the monthly dues.

## MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING ARTICLE XVI HOURS OF WORK

Article XVI, Paragraph C. shall refer to employees who have a regular daily work assignment of four (4) or more hours per day and does not restrict the Employer's rights to establish positions of less than two (2) hours per day as regular assignments with compensation based upon actual hours of work.

It is hereby understood and agreed that employees working the full school year shall be scheduled to work a minimum of 180 days as their standard work year, regardless of staff inservice schedules. Employees whose building may not be serving meals on a regularly scheduled day of attendance, and therefore are not scheduled to work, shall not have the right to bump lesser seniority personnel from building assignments.