AFSCME, Local 1584
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PREAMBLE

PURPOSE

Section 1 - Parties: This agreement is entered into between the School Board of Manatee County and the Manatee County and Municipal Employees Local 1584 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO pursuant to Chapter 447, Florida Statutes to provide wages, hours terms and conditions of employment for employees represented by Local 1584 during the duration of this agreement.
ARTICLE I - RECOGNITION

Section 1 - Recognition

In accordance with Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, the School Board recognizes the Manatee County and Municipal Employees Local 1584 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO as the exclusive representative of the employees defined in the bargaining unit.

Section 2 - Bargaining Unit

It is understood and agreed by the parties that in this section, only the term, "full time" shall refer to both groups of employees defined as permanent employees according to Article II, Section 3. Except in Article III, Section 2, the definitions in Article II shall apply throughout the remainder of this agreement. The Union shall represent all full-time, non-instructional employees of said School Board in the following positions: food service workers, kitchen managers, cafeteria manager trainees; custodians, lead custodians I & II, head custodians I, II, and III; regularly assigned school bus drivers in the transportation department; trade helpers, equipment operators special equipment operator trainee, furniture repairmen, painters, carpenters I & II, glaziers, lead carpenters, lead painters, lead furniture repairmen, dispatchers in the grounds and sites department; lead sites person, heating servicemen, welders, plumbers, air-conditioning and refrigeration servicemen, electronics technicians, lead computer repair technician, computer repair technician, office equipment technician, electricians, lead plumbers, lead air-conditioning and refrigeration servicemen, lead electronics technicians, lead electronics communications technician, lead electricians, and trainees in the maintenance department; and servicemen, service mechanics, mechanics I and II, mechanical machine specialist, tire repair person, fuel island attendant/fuel tanker attendant, bodymen and lead bodymen, mechanical equipment repairman I & II, lead mechanical equipment repairman, industrial equipment repairman I & II, lead industrial equipment repairman, parts assistants, automotive parts counter person, lead parts person, trainees in the equipment maintenance department; bus monitor, physical handicapped aide, lead heating serviceman, roofer I lead roofer, landscape specialist and insect and pest control technician, assistant pest control, turf maintenance technician, irrigation specialist, stores clerk, warehouse worker, warehouse worker-driver, warehouse worker-driver II, lead receiving clerk, receiving clerk, and delivery driver. The bargaining unit is limited to employees in any said positions and shall not include any other employees of the School Board. Nothing in this Section will be construed to prevent the inclusion of new positions created by the School Board, if such new positions require duties similar to the above established positions.
ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

Section 1 - School Board

For purposes of this agreement, the term, "school board", shall mean the School Board of Manatee County or representative(s) designated by the School Board.

Section 2 – Union

For purposes of this agreement, the term "union", shall mean Manatee County and Municipal Employees, Local 1584 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO.

Subdivision 1 – Local business agent shall be defined as Executive Officer (President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Sergeant at Arms), and Executive Board Members.

Section 3 – Superintendent

For purposes of this agreement, the term “Superintendent” shall mean the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Section 4 - Permanent Position

For the purposes of this agreement, the term permanent position shall mean a position which is expected to carry over into a succeeding year regardless of the number of hours worked per week. The employee filling such a position, whether full-time (30 hours or more a week) or part-time, (less than (30) hours a week), pays FICA and is eligible to participate in the insurance programs.

Section 5 - Probationary Employees

During the first calendar year of employment an employee in a permanent position may be dismissed without cause. Any employee who successfully completes the one year probationary period of employment in a permanent position, shall be eligible to be appointed as a permanent employee. After the employee is appointed as a permanent employee, he/she may only be dismissed for cause or as a result of a reduction in force.
Section 6 - Temporary Employee

For purposes of this agreement, "temporary employee" shall mean an individual who is employed for a portion of a school year in either a full-time or part-time capacity. Such an employee is not eligible for participation in the insurance programs of the school system.

Section 7 - Employee(s)

For purposes of this agreement, the term "employee(s)", shall mean any member of the bargaining unit.

Section 8 – Days

For the purposes of this agreement, "Day" or "Days" shall mean workday, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified.

Section 9 – Seniority

Seniority is defined as an employee’s length of continuous service with the School Board of Manatee County in his/her current position. Seniority shall be broken by an employee’s resignation, retirement, or discharge. This shall not affect Management’s right to realign responsibilities between and within departments or to administrative involuntary transfers.

Seniority shall be a deciding factor in the following situations:

a. If management determines that it is necessary to reduce a position(s) within a certain school/department, the decision as to which employee(s) will be involuntarily transferred shall be based on reverse seniority, provided, however, that needs of the department shall be considered in the determination as to who will be transferred.

b. If a dayshift position in a school/department becomes vacant, the employee with the most seniority within the same classification in that school/department shall have the right to transfer to that dayshift position. The employee with the most seniority shall have one workday in which to decide if he/she wishes to transfer. If the employee with the most seniority does not wish to transfer, then the opportunity shall be offered to the employee with the next highest seniority, who shall also have one workday to decide if he/she wishes to transfer. Any employee who transfers under this provision must be willing and able to perform the specific duties entailed within the position to which he/she is transferring.

c. If management determines that it is necessary to reassign an employee(s)
within a certain school/department, management shall base its decision on reverse seniority, qualifications and performance. The employee shall be given written notice of the reason(s) for the reassignment.

d. In the assigning of new or vacant routes that become available during the school year, such routes shall be posted for six days on the District’s email, in the employees lounge at the Matzke Support Center, and placed on AFSCME’s bulletin board at the Matzke fuel island. Interested employees shall so indicate in writing to the Director of Transportation by the end of the posting period. The most senior of the employees applying shall be assigned the route. Any route vacancy created by this section/process will be filled by the Director of Transportation.

e. Field Trip Assignment: All School bus operators employed as regular operators including permanent sub operators are eligible to participate in field trips. Rosters will be maintained and posted monthly on the union board, listing those operators who are eligible and desire to participate as defined below in this program. Substitute operators are not eligible, except when the procedures listed below have been exhausted.

At the start of the school year, a roster of in-county and out-of-county operators will be compiled based upon continuous service.

i. In-county trips shall be assigned on a rotational basis to operators with less than five years of continual service except when the procedures listed below have been exhausted.

ii. Out-of-county trips shall be assigned on a rotational basis to operators with five years or more continuous service. In-county operators, pen11anent substitutes, and substitutes will only be selected for out-of-county trips when the need exceeds the number of experienced operators available.

iii. Overnight trips are assigned on a rotational basis to operators with ten (10) or more years of continual service.

iv. Upon attaining five (5) years continual service a school bus operator has the choice of remaining on the in-county trip roster or switching to the out-of-county extra-curricular program. A switch in roster assignment will be done once annually and will remain in effect for the remainder of the year.

v. Short notice field trips will be announced over the radio. The senor most driver replying to the call shall be offered so long as they meet vicinity and rotational considerations. Replies to the radio call must be within 10 minutes.

vi. School bus driver: In the event that a field trip is cancelled the day of the trip, said employee will be compensated two (2) hours pay on a scheduled school day, or four (4) hours pay on a non-attendance day. An employee
may be utilized as a standby driver as the need arises during the time frame in which they are being compensated.

Section 10 – Classification

For the purposes of this agreement, “Classification” shall be defined as the trade into which the employee is employed.

Section 11 - Assignment

For the purposes of this agreement, “Assignment” shall mean the job site/work location/shop to which the employee reports.
ARTICLE III - NO DISCRIMINATION

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, marital status, disability, or on the basis of the use of a language other than English, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices conducted by the School District, except as provided by law.

Employees have an affirmative obligation to immediately report alleged discrimination to their immediate supervisors or to the District Equity Coordinator. Management will investigate all claims of discrimination and shall take action that it deems appropriate to address any confirmed instances.

Management shall not in any manner intimidate, harass or make reprisals against any employee who reports an action of discrimination.

Except as specified below, grievances filed under this Article shall be processed only through Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure and shall not be subject to arbitration.

Section 1 - Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is a form of sex discrimination. It is defined as unwanted sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when submission to such conduct is used as a basis for educational or employment decisions affecting the individual or such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work or academic environment, or which creates a hostile intimidating, abusive, offensive, or oppressive environment.

Employees who are subjected to sexual harassment in the work site should immediately report such to their immediate supervisor or to the school district’s Equity Coordinator. The Board shall take appropriate action if it finds that an employee has engaged in sexual harassment.

If an employee is not satisfied with the disposition of a claim of sexual harassment against a member of management, that employee may file an action with the appropriate state or federal agency. Such a claim shall not be adjudicated through the Grievance Procedure contained in this Contract.

Section 2: Harassment

Harassment of one employee by another shall not be tolerated by the School District.
ARTICLE IV - SCHOOL BOARD RIGHTS

Section 1 - Inherent Managerial Rights

The parties recognizes that the School Board has the right to determine unilaterally the purpose of each of its constituent agencies, set standards of services to be offered to the public and exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations. It is also the right of the School Board to direct its employees, take disciplinary action for proper cause and relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or other legitimate reasons. The parties further recognize that the School Board is not required to meet and negotiate on inherent managerial functions not expressly set forth in this agreement.

Section 2 - Management Responsibilities

The Parties recognize the right and obligation of the School Board to manage and conduct the operations of the school district and that its primary obligation is to provide educational opportunity for the students of the school district.

Section 3 - Effect of Laws

Rules and Regulations: The parties recognize that employees covered by this agreement shall perform services prescribed by the School Board. The parties also recognize the right, obligation and duty of the School Board and its designated officials to promulgate rules, regulations, directives and orders that are not inconsistent with the terms of this agreement. The parties further recognize that the School Board, all employees covered by this agreement and all provisions of this agreement are subject of the laws of the state of Florida, federal laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Education, valid rules, regulations and orders of state and federal governmental agencies. Any provisions of this agreement found to be in violation of the law shall become null and void and without force or effect.

Section 4 - Physical Examinations and Drug Testing

The Superintendent shall require pre-employment physicals, including testing for controlled substances, for all positions in the bargaining unit.
ARTICLE V - UNION RIGHTS

Section 1 - Right to Representation

Manatee County School Board agrees to recognize the right of the Union to elect representatives to conduct Union business. Local #1584 agrees that these representatives will not function during working hours. This recognition does not preclude management from directly meeting with individuals and groups of employees on matters relating to employee concerns.

Section 2 - Request for Dues Deduction

Employees shall have the right to request and be allowed dues deduction provided that dues deductions and the proceeds thereof shall not be allowed any Union that has lost its right to dues deduction pursuant to Section 447.507 of Florida Statutes. Upon receipt from the Union of a properly executed authorization card of the employee(s) involved and a certified listing of the names, by cost center, and the monthly dues to be deducted, the school district shall deduct from the employee's paycheck, beginning with the pay period in which authorization is received, the dues that the employee has agreed to pay to the Union during the period provided in said authorization. These deductions may be terminated by the employee by giving thirty days written notice to the Union and to the School Board district's payroll office to stop deductions. For any employee who requested dues deduction and who leaves the employment of the school district, the deduction will be stopped with the next payroll. Any dispute as to the amount of dues owing or deducted shall be solely between the Union and the employee involved, and the Union shall hold the School Board harmless from any liability arising from the deductions of any dues as certified by the Union. Dues deductions shall remain in effect until deductions are terminated by the employees.

The funds deducted shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Union monthly along with an electronic list of employees who have paid with their listed address. A copy of the list shall be provided electronically to the president of Local 1584 and another mailed to the Union's regional office. The Union shall indemnify, defend, and hold the School Board harmless against any and all claims made and against any and all suits instituted and judgments against the School Board because of action by the School Board compliance with this Article.

Section 3 - Meetings with Management

Management agrees to meet on a regular basis at mutually agreeable times for the purpose of discussing administration of the collective bargaining agreement.

Section 4 - Bulletin Board & Mail Boxes

The Union shall have use of individual employee mail boxes, where such are provided. Union representatives shall not deliver union literature on work time and the mail boxes shall not be used to distribute political literature. The School Board shall supply a bulletin board, no smaller
Section 5 - Notices to the Union

The School Board will furnish the Union one of the following, if the document exists:
- Annual Budget
- Labor/Management Committee Reports
- Insurance Committee Reports
- Changes in School Board Policies
- New Job Descriptions
- Safety Committee Reports
- School Board Agenda
- HR Manual

Section 6 - Employee Roster

The School Board shall furnish the Union with an up-to-date list of all personnel employed in this bargaining unit to include job title, pay grade, step, supplements, mailing address and phone number. Such a list shall be furnished to the Union on October 1 and February 1. Similar information on all new employees shall be furnished to the Union on a monthly basis, upon the Union's request. The name of any bargaining unit employee, job title, work site, and reason for removal from roster shall be furnished to the Union the week said employee is removed. The School Board shall also furnish the Union with two copies of personnel directories (telephone directories) and additions or changes as they occur.

Section 7 - Deduction Window

The Board agrees to provide the Union reasonable access to payroll deduction windows.

Section 8 - Union Business

AFSCME representatives, who are not district employees, shall be permitted to transact official business at schools or administrative offices during working hours. This representative shall contact the principal or director of the school or department concerned for permission to conduct official business. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit Union representatives from requesting meetings or conferences with appropriate school officials.

AFSCME representatives will be allowed up to 15 minutes on back to school conferences and meetings for the purpose of sharing benefits of membership to the eligible employees.

Section 9 - Labor Management Committee

A Labor Management committee shall be formed for the purpose of discussing with employee representatives matters of mutual concern not involving grievances or matters which have been the
subject of this collective bargaining agreement.

**Subdivision 1** - The Union shall select employee representatives from the appropriate unit to this committee. The Union may appoint an alternate to serve as a substitute in the event the duly appointed representative is unable to attend.

The number of representatives for each department shall be as follows:

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**Subdivision 2** - These meetings shall be held during working hours without loss of pay monthly, except for the months of June, August and December, or at other times by mutual consent.

**Subdivision 3** - Transportation employees who are appointed to this committee and who attend such meetings shall be paid their regular hourly rate.

**Subdivision 4** - The Union President and Vice President shall be members of this committee. Further, the Union President and a rotating representative selected by Management shall alternate as chairpersons of this committee. Management will identify their upcoming chairperson at the previous meeting.

**Subdivision 5** - It is understood and agreed that employees/representatives will, where possible, first seek resolution of a concern at their departmental level before advancing the issue to the Labor Management Meeting. The representatives from the represented department will ascertain that the concern was first discussed at the departmental level before advancing it to the Labor Management Committee. This language shall not apply if the concern is the subject of a formal grievance.
Subdivision 6 - Representatives shall refrain from making personal attacks or slandering other individuals during the Labor Management meetings. Representatives who make personal attacks or slander regarding other individuals during these meetings shall assume personal liability for such utterances, and neither AFSCME Local 1584 nor the Manatee County School Board shall be held liable for such remarks. The chairman of the meeting shall have the authority to terminate a meeting or exclude a representative who violates this provision.

Subdivision 7 - There shall be no reprisals against any representative to the Labor Management Committee or other employee as a result of their participation in the committee.

Subdivision 8 - Management and Union representatives for all departments listed in Subdivision 1 above shall be present at all Labor Management meetings unless their participation is not needed.

Subdivision 9 - Actual minutes of the meetings from one month shall be distributed prior to the following meeting, except in extenuating circumstances. It is understood that answers to questions presented at a meeting may not be available to be included in these minutes. In such cases, the upcoming chairman will be notified with an estimate as to when an answer will be forthcoming.

Section 10 - Leave for Employees

The Superintendent may grant leave to union employees when he deems it to be consistent with the mission of the Board.
ARTICLE VI - EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

Section 1 - Right to Views

Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any employee or his representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employment or his betterment, so long as the same does not interfere with the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment.

Section 2 - Right to Join

Employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in, or to refrain from forming, joining, or participating in, any employee organization of their own choosing.

Section 3 - Contracting and Subcontracting

The Board agrees to negotiate the impact of contracted services that result in the loss of employment for a member of this bargaining unit. This provision shall in no way restrict the authority of the School Board to decide on feasibility of contracted services in any department.

Section 4 - Work Rules

The School Board agrees to furnish each employee in this unit with existing work rules at the time of hire. Changes to work rules shall be posted on work center bulletin boards. All new employees shall be furnished a current union contract book.

Section 5 - Workers' Compensation Accident Report

An employee shall receive a copy of his worker's compensation accident report.

Section 6 - Personnel Files

No materials may be placed in an employee's personnel file, unless it has been reduced to writing within 30 (thirty) days of the administration becoming aware of the facts reflected in the materials, or within one week of the conclusion of the active investigation of such, or final disposition, whichever is later.
A copy of any material to be placed in an employee's personnel file shall be provided to the employee either:

a. By certified mail, or
b. By personal delivery, to be signed by the employee as proof that such material was given to the employee. If the employee refuses to sign, a witness to the delivery may be used in lieu of the employee's signature.

Section 7 - Evaluation, Reports and Reprimands

All employees will be evaluated annually. The evaluation will cover the previous twelve (12) months of service, if applicable. Employees will be furnished copies of their annual evaluation reports after the reports have been properly endorsed. If an area(s) of the evaluation is marked less than satisfactory, the supervisor will assist the employee in developing a self-improvement plan intended to improve the deficiency/deficiencies noted. Employees shall be furnished copies of written personal reprimands and reports of work deficiency. No employee shall sign his evaluation report, written reprimand or report of work deficiency until it has been completely filled out, endorsed and signed by all others concerned. An employee's official personnel file shall be maintained in the Human Resources Office. The employee may respond, in writing, to any item contained in this file and this response shall be attached to the item in question and shall be included in the personnel file.

Employee shall be given the option of having a union representative of his/her choosing present during meetings called by immediate supervisor or other administrative personnel which will result in disciplinary action. Employees shall be given written notice at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to any disciplinary actions being taken.

Section 8 – Discipline

Progressive discipline shall normally be followed in employee disciplinary situations. As such, disciplinary consequences shall normally include oral reprimand, written reprimand, suspension for just cause (notice to be given in writing), or discharge; provided however, that management has the right to proceed to more stringent disciplinary consequences based on the seriousness of the offense, as determined by management.

Hearings on suspension without pay for up to two (2) weeks shall, upon the request of the employee, be heard by the Superintendent or a Superintendent-appointed hearing officer after consultation with the Union.

The hearing officer shall be appointed by the Superintendent after consultation with the Union. Hearing officer decisions on suspensions without pay shall not be
subject to appeal to the Board, nor shall they be subject to the Grievance Procedure contained in this contract. If a supervisor reprimands an employee it shall be done in a manner that will not embarrass the employee before other employees. Oral reprimands may not be referenced in a written document that is placed in the employee’s personnel file unless there is another disciplinary situation involving that employee. Reprimands may not be subject to the Grievance Procedure contained in this Contract beyond Step 2.

**Subdivision 1 - Right to Witness**

Employees shall be given the option of having a witness/representative of his/her own choosing present during meetings called by immediate Supervisors or administrative personnel which would result in disciplinary action.

**Subdivision 2** – An employee shall have the right to appeal a disciplinary decision by his/her immediate supervisor to the next level of supervision. This appeal shall not prevent an employee from utilizing the Grievance Procedure contained in this Contract as appropriate.

**Subdivision 3** – The Chief of Human Resources shall, upon request by an employee, seal disciplinary documents that are placed in an employee’s personnel file if there have been no further disciplinary problems involving that employee within the preceding 12 month period. The decision as to whether to seal such documentation shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Human Resources and shall not be subject to the Grievance Procedure contained in this Contract. Such requests to seal shall not be unreasonably withheld.
ARTICLE VII - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1 - Definitions

In the interpretation and construction of this grievance procedure, the terms hereinafter set forth are defined as follows:

Subdivision 1 - Grievance

A grievance shall mean an allegation by an employee or a group of employees resulting from a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation or application of this agreement.

Subdivision 2 - Grievant

An employee or group of employees in the appropriate unit having an alleged grievance.

Subdivision 3 - Days

In any place in this grievance procedure where the grievant is required to take any action within a certain number of days, same shall be construed to mean work days for the particular grievant. In any place in this grievance procedure where the person charged with the responsibility of making a decision is required to take any action within a certain number of days, same shall be construed to mean work days for the particular person.

Subdivision 4 - Extension of Time Limit

Either party, upon written request submitted within the original time line specified at the step where the extension is requested, shall be granted no more than two (2) time extensions, not to exceed a total of ten (10) days during the life of any grievance.

Subdivision 5 - Definition of Supervisor:

For purposes of this Article, the term “Immediate Supervisor” shall mean:
Subdivision 6 - Definition of PERC

Hereinafter PERC shall mean Public Employees Relations Commission.

Section 2 - Procedure

The purpose of the procedure described below is to resolve any concern at the level closest to the grievant and therefore in the shortest period of time. The procedure for handling and processing of grievances by employees covered by this agreement shall be:

Subdivision 1- Informal Conference

Before a formal grievance is filed, the grievant and his/her supervisor shall attempt to resolve the alleged grievance in an informal conference. The grievant must request the informal conference within thirty (30) days of the time the grievance occurred or within thirty (30) days of the time that the grievant knew or should have known of the grievance. The grievant shall inform the supervisor of the facts upon which the grievance is based and what provisions of the contract have been violated.

The Supervisor shall render a decision, including the specific reasons or basis for such decision, in writing within ten days of the date of the Informal Conference and provide a copy to the grievant.

Subdivision 2 – Formal Grievance

(a) If the grievance is not resolved in the informal conference, the grievant may file a formal grievance. The formal grievance shall be in writing signed

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**Employee Group** | **Immediate Supervisor**
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Custodial | EI/MS- Custodial Supervisor  
            | HS – Plant Manager
Operations | Supervisor of Operations
Food Service | Food Service Manager
School Bus Transportation | Director of Transportation
Vehicle Maintenance | Manager of Vehicle Maintenance
Central Distribution | Manager of Central Distribution
Mechanical Systems & Energy | Supervisor of Mechanical Systems
Computer Repair & Public Address | Manager of Communications & Technical Systems Support
by the grievant on the proper form. The statement of the grievance shall include the date the grievance occurred, or the date upon which the grievant obtained knowledge of the grievance and a statement of the facts and circumstances surrounding the interpretation of this agreement. The formal grievance shall explain specifically how a provision or provisions of the agreement has/have been violated based upon the facts alleged. Copies of supporting documents or other demonstrative items of evidence may be attached to said grievance presentation or may be incorporated therein by specific reference thereto and shall be provided by the School Board at no cost to the employee or Local within five (5) days, provided that the clerical time does not exceed one hour and the number of copies requested does not exceed 50. In the event that either restriction listed is exceeded, the cost of the copies will be that normally charged by the District and the labor charge will be the designated employee’s hourly rate.

The formal grievance must be filed with the Superintendent within fifteen (15) business days after the informal conference with his/her Immediate Supervisor.

(b) Decision by the Superintendent:
The Superintendent shall meet with the grievant prior to making his decision. The Superintendent shall have ten (10) business days from the date the grievance is received by the Superintendent within which to render a written decision on the merits of said grievance and deliver a copy of the decision to the grievant.

**Subdivision 3- Binding Arbitration:**

- **Procedure:** In the event the grievant wishes to appeal the decision of the Superintendent, the grievant or his/ her representative the Union, provided the grievant signs the grievance form and only the grievant, may request that the grievance be submitted to arbitration within ten (10) days of the date of the Superintendent’s decision. Written notice of this action shall be submitted to the Superintendent.

- **Selection of Arbitrator:** Upon submission of a grievance to arbitration under the terms of this procedure, the parties shall attempt to agree upon the selection of an arbitrator within five (5) days after the request to arbitrate. If no agreement on an arbitrator is reached after five (5) days the grievant may request FMCS to initiate procedures for the selection of an arbitrator, provided such request is made within ten (10) days after request for arbitration. Failure to request an arbitrator from the FMCS within the time limit periods provided herein shall constitute a waiver of the grievance.
c. Submission of Grievance Information: Upon appointment of the arbitrator, the appealing party and the School District shall within five (5) days after notice of appointment forward to the arbitrator the submission of the grievance which shall include the following:

(a) The issue involved,
(b) Statement of the facts,
(c) Position of the grievant,
(d) The written documents relating to the grievance.

(4) Hearing: The grievance shall be heard by a single arbitrator. The grievant and his/her representative shall be present and the parties shall have the right to a hearing at which time both parties will have the opportunity to submit evidence, offer testimony, present witnesses, and make oral or written arguments relating to the issues before the arbitrator.

(5) Decision: The written decision by the arbitrator shall be rendered according to the arbitrator’s time schedule and decisions by the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

(6) Expenses: Each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with arbitration, including expenses relating to the parties’ representatives, witnesses, and any other expenses which the party causes to be incurred in connection with presenting its case in arbitration. The cost of substitute employees for personnel called as witnesses shall be paid by the calling party, if a sub is normally required for that position. The parties shall only share equally fees and expenses of the arbitrator. AFSCME will not be responsible for the cost of an arbitration to which it was not a party.

(7) Restriction on Arbitrator: The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, modify, or alter the terms of this agreement.

Subdivision 4 Alleged Grievance by a Group: In the event that facts and circumstances constituting the alleged grievance are substantially the same for two or more grieving parties at more than one work location, then and in that event the two or more grieving parties at having substantially the same alleged grievance may at their election, submit a single formal grievance presentation signed by each said grieving party. The alleged grievance by a group asserted in and by said single formal grievance presentation shall then be handled and processed in the same manner as provided in this grievance procedure for other formal grievance presentations beginning at Step Two. In the event, there are two or more grieving parties in the same department, or work location, with substantially the same grievance, the grievance shall be filed at Step One.
**Section 3- Related Provisions**

**Subdivision 1 - Representation:** Employees shall have the right of Union representation of each step of the grievance procedure and shall be required to be present at Step 3. Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent any employee from presenting at any time, his own grievance, in person or by legal counsel, and having such grievances adjusted without the intervention of the Union, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of the Agreement and if the Union has been given reasonable opportunity to be present at any meeting called for the resolution of such grievances. A grievant may discuss, but not be required to, discuss their grievance without their chosen representative being present. A grievance shall not be represented by any person who might be required to take action, or against whom action might be taken in order to adjust the grievance, or by a representative of any other employee organization.

**Subdivision 2 - Time Limitations:** In the event a grievant does not institute the Informal Conference of the grievance procedure within thirty (30) days of the time the grievant should have obtained knowledge of the alleged grievance, then the grievant shall be deemed to have waived the alleged grievance. In the event the grievant does not institute the procedure set forth in Steps One, Two, and Three, within the time herein above prescribed for each particular step, then the grievant shall be deemed to have waived the right to proceed and the decision rendered at the previously completed step shall be considered as final. If a written decision is not rendered at Steps One, Two or Three within the time herein prescribed in each particular step, the grievance may, at the request of the grievant, proceed to the next step of the grievance procedure. The time limitations set forth in this grievance procedure may be extended according to Section 1, Subdivision 4 of this Article.

**Subdivision 3 - Decision Making:** In arriving at a decision in Steps One, Two, and Three, the person charged with the responsibility of making the decision shall examine the formal grievance presentation, together with any supporting documents attached thereto. Said persons shall confer with the grievant and may take statements from, questions, or confer with any other employee or person who may have actual knowledge of facts material to making a decision.
**Subdivision 4 - Fair Dealing:** The School Board, its members, officers, agents and employees shall not in any manner intimidate, harass, or make reprisals against a grievant who asserted an alleged grievance merely because said grievant has exercised the right of following the grievance procedure set forth herein. The formal grievance presentation, the written decision rendered in connection therewith and all other appropriate documents in connection with any alleged grievance shall be kept by the School Board as a separate file and no part or portion thereof shall be included or noted in their personnel file of any particular grievant.

**Subdivision 5 - Resolution:** Notwithstanding the expiration of this agreement, any claim or grievance arising there under may be processed through the grievance procedure until resolution.

**Subdivision 6 -** The Board shall follow the provisions of Florida Statutes 447.401 regarding grievances.
ARTICLE VIII - VACANCIES AND TRANSFERS

Section 1 - Posting of Vacancies

All vacancies in permanent positions shall be posted for six (6) working days. However, a position may be filled temporarily pending completion of posting and application procedure.

Vacancy notices shall include the name of the positions, locations and number of hours per day.

Any food service employee who wishes to have summer food service employment, may make their wishes known to the Food Service Department and they shall be considered for any summer food service employment opportunities offered by the Board. The most senior qualified employee will be selected using the following criteria: availability, commitment, work description, and holder of a driver’s license.

Section 2 - Critical Shortage

When the district is unable to fill positions as evidenced by not having responses from viable, qualified candidates after three postings, the Superintendent shall have the right to declare a critical shortage and establish a starting wage of up to Step 4 at that pay grade, based on the verification of relevant work experience and appropriate qualifications. When declaring a position as a critical shortage, the Superintendent shall notify the President of Local 1584. Under the provisions of this section, no new employee will be placed on the salary schedule above a current employee in the affected trade, provided that the employee has verifiable relevant work experience and appropriate qualifications.

Section 3 - Application for Vacancies

An employee covered under this agreement may submit an electronic application for any vacancy which is posted pursuant to this Article. A new hire shall not be placed permanently in a posted position until all qualified applicants from within have been considered. It is understood that the School Board values its employees and to that end it is the Board’s intent to promote from within or provide an explanation (upon request) for their not being hired, and assistance in career development as available.

Supervisors who make the hiring recommendations will base their decisions on, but not limited to, highest qualifications and, in the case of applicants from within the system, will include the employees’ evaluations. For employees who are interviewed and are not selected for the position, upon his/her request, the supervisor will give an explanation of the reason or reasons for not being selected and methods or suggestions on what the employee can do to enhance their skills. Under no circumstances is the explanation given subject to grievance procedures.
An electronic record of the applications reviewed by the Supervisor will be archived for twelve (12) months.

**Section 4 - Voluntary Transfers**

An employee desiring a transfer shall apply in the district’s applicant tracking system (PATS) for the specific posted position.

**Section 5 - Administrative Transfers**

The School Board reserves the right to transfer employees as emergency or exceptional conditions may require. Posting shall not apply in an administrative transfer involving any employee as long as it does not provide an increase in the hourly wage. However, the employee and the Union shall be notified prior to the transfer taking effect. In the event an employee is transferred involuntarily, the pay grade will remain the same the remainder of the fiscal year and the employee shall be given the opportunity to apply for any vacancy of the kind from which he/she was transferred and shall be granted an interview.

**Section 6 - Supervisory Relationship**

No employee shall be placed into a direct supervisory relationship over another employee who is a member of his/her immediate family or household. Transfers may be used to effectuate this provision in the case of promotions and changes in family or household configurations. Transfers necessitated by this provision shall be made as soon as administratively practical.

For the purpose of this provision, "direct supervision", shall refer to the relationship that exists between the staff member and the individual who is responsible for making the annual formal evaluation of the staff member.

"Immediate family" shall be considered to be mother, father, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law, life partner/companion.

Under extraordinary circumstances, the School Board of Manatee County and Union may agree to waive this provision.

This provision shall not apply to those assignments made prior to ratification of this agreement.

**Section 7 – Transfers into Bargaining Unit**

Any employee who is transferred into the AFSCME bargaining unit shall serve a 120 day probationary period and will be placed on the step closest to their current rate of pay on the appropriate salary grade.
If an employee has previously been a member of the bargaining unit, they shall be placed at the step which they would normally be placed if they had not left the bargaining unit.

Section 8 – Transfers within Bargaining Unit

For employees who transfer to another position within the bargaining unit, there shall be a thirty (30) day trial period. (Note: this trial period is not a probation period. During this trial period, the employee shall retain all rights previously acquired.) During that time, either the employee or the district may request a return to the previous position.

Section 9 – Rehires

If a former employee returns to work within five (5) years of separation from this school district, they will be placed on the step at which he/she left and the appropriate pay grade for the position he/she will be filling. This position can be full time, substitute or temporary. If the employee has been separated more than 5 years, the step will be determined by the appropriate district level administrator.
ARTICLE IX - LAYOFF AND RECALL

Section 1 - Length of Service

For the purpose of this Agreement, length of service shall be defined as an employee's length of continuous service with the School Board of Manatee County since his last date of hire. An employee's continuous service record shall be broken by voluntary resignation, discharge for just cause, and retirement (excluding drop). Length of service rosters will be posted on all departmental bulletin boards on or about October 15th of each school year and a copy of this list will be furnished the Union upon request.

Section 2 - Layoff

Is defined as the reduction in force for lack of work or funds without fault on the part of any employee. In the event it becomes necessary to layoff employees in a department, the following procedures shall apply:

Subdivision 1: Before any permanent employee is laid off, temporary employees will be laid off based upon school system and departmental needs. Employees shall not be allowed to "bump" from one classification to another in a lay-off.

Subdivision 2: The selection of permanent employees for layoff shall be made by the School Board based upon length of service, qualifications and performance.

Section 3 - Notification

Employees to be laid off shall be so notified at least five (5) days prior to the effective date of the layoff. The School Board agrees to provide the Union a list of names of employees to be laid off, at the same time the affected employees are notified.

Section 4 - Recall

Laid off employees shall be recalled, by certified mail, in the reverse order of layoff according to school system and departmental needs. No new employee shall be
hired to fill a position previously held by a laid off employee until all laid off employees within a department or section have had the opportunity to accept the recall offer. A laid off employee who is offered recall must indicate within five (5) workdays from notification by certified/return receipt mail requiring signature whether or not he accepts the recall. The return date of the recalled employee shall be determined by the Director of Human Resources and Employee Relations or his designee. If a laid off employee declines a position, he shall forfeit any rights to any further recall and shall be terminated. Employees who have had a break in service for a period of 90 days or more must be re-fingerprinted and drug screened. This shall be at Board expense.

Subdivision 1- Accrued Benefits: Upon returning to work, an employee will have restored to him any fringe benefits which accrued prior to his layoff.
ARTICLE X - SAFETY

Section 1 - Safety Committee

The Board and Union agree to establish a safety committee. The Union shall submit the name of one member (and alternate who shall serve in the absence of the member) from maintenance, custodial, food service, vehicle maintenance, school bus drivers, and warehouse to serve on the committee. A written notice of the name of the elected member and his/her alternate to the safety committee shall be sent to the Risk Manager by the Union. The Risk Manager (or alternate) shall chair the committee. The member shall meet with the committee with no loss of pay. The transportation employee representative who attends such meetings shall be paid their regular hourly rate. The meetings will be held quarterly or more often if deemed necessary by the chair.

Section 2 - Alleged Unsafe Conditions

Alleged unsafe acts/conditions may be brought to the attention of the employee's immediate supervisor, in writing, by use of a form provided for this purpose. These written reports will be signed by the employee and the supervisor's signature will acknowledge receipt of the report. The employee will retain one copy.

When an employee reports in writing to his/her immediate supervisor any unsafe working conditions, the Risk Manager or his designee shall investigate these reported conditions and the employee shall be informed of the results of the investigation within 10 workdays in writing and all alleged unsafe reports shall be reviewed by the Safety Committee.
ARTICLE XI - SALARY, PAY PERIODS AND OTHER BENEFITS

Section 1 - Salary

The Salary Schedule for AFSCME employees shall be negotiated annually. There shall be no presumption of status quo with respect to advancement to a different step on the salary schedule.

Section 1B

Work Year for 12-Month Employees: The work year for 12-month AFSCME employees shall be 253 days.

Section 2 - Pay Periods

Employees shall be paid on the 10th and 25th of each month. All new employees shall be paid semi-monthly by direct deposit.

Section 2 A – Supplemental Pay

Employees assigned to Vehicle Maintenance shall receive a $.10 per hour pay increase for every major component certification obtained up to 20. This shall include state certifications.

ASE Certified Master School Bus Technicians shall receive a 6% pay supplement. ASE Certified Master Technician in Medium/Heavy Truck and Collision Repair and Refinished shall receive a supplement of 4% per year.

Section 3 - Salary Schedule Implementation

a. Twelve (12) month employees who start employment before January 1st and who have been reappointed shall be considered to have one year experience for salary purposes. Less than 12-month employees must work 1/2 of the duty days in their position plus one (1) day excluding summer school service in order to be eligible to receive a step increase, provided a step increase is granted.
b. **Promotions**

(1) Promotions to Dissimilar Positions - Employees who are promoted within the hourly salary schedule shall be placed on the new pay grade at one step above first step which is equal to or provides an increase in hourly rate to the promoted employee.

(2) Promotions to Similar Positions - In the event an employee is promoted within the AFSCME hourly salary schedule to a position which is similar to the previous position, the employee shall retain his/her salary step. The Chief of Human Resources shall determine whether the prior experience is similar.

(3) The Union president shall be notified by the Human Resource Office regarding whether a transfer to a different classification within the AFSCME unit is deemed to be similar or dissimilar. If the Union president does not agree with this decision, then he/she may provide input regarding the matter. It is understood that this process of providing for input shall not delay the payroll processing of an employee.

c. **Reassignment:** The reassignment of employees shall be at the discretion of management based on the needs of the district (see definition of assignment, Article II, Section 11).

d. **Reclassification:** Reclassification of an employee shall be upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and approved by the Board.

(1) **To the same pay grade:** When reclassification is made to another position in the same pay grade, the hourly rate of pay shall not change.

(2) **To a lower pay grade:** When an employee is reclassified to a lower pay grade, the hourly rate of the employee will remain the same for the reminder of the fiscal year of the change. At the beginning of the new fiscal year, the employee's salary shall be set at the lower of:

The step at which the old salary would fall in the new pay grade, or, the maximum of the new pay grade.

No increment shall be awarded for the new fiscal year unless the change in classification occurs on or after April 1.

Where the reassignment is the result of an employee applying for a position in a lower pay grade, the employee will be placed at his current step on the new pay grade.
However, where workers' compensation is involved, workers compensation rules, shall apply.

When an employee is reclassified to a higher pay grade, the hourly rate of the incumbent employee will be calculated as if it were a promotion.

Section 4 - Shift Differentials

Employees who are assigned to a work shift having a major portion of time scheduled after 6:00 p.m. will receive seventy-five (75) cents per hour above the normal rate of pay on the days that employee normally works such a schedule. A work schedule which is divided equally before and after 6:00 p.m. will entitle an assigned employee to fifty (50) cents per hour above the normal rate of pay on the days that employee normally works such a schedule.

Section 5 - Meal Compensation

An employee whose daily work schedule consists of seven (7) or more hours of employment and who is authorized to work four (4) or more continuous hours, beyond his regular quitting time shall be compensated for a meal. This meal compensation shall not exceed eight (8) dollars. A valid receipt must accompany an employee's request for this meal compensation. The employee's meal period shall be considered his own time. The meal allowance for school bus drivers participating in the extra curricular driving program shall be as set forth in the, "School Bus Operations Manual".

Section 6 - Supplemental Pay

In extraordinary situations, a 4% supplement shall be given to an employee who is assigned by a supervisor the responsibility of a higher paid position for a minimum of fifteen (15) consecutive workdays, including holidays. Such supplement will be effective retroactively to the first day the full responsibility of the higher paid position was assigned.

Section 7 - Tool Allowance

Employees who are required by departmental policy to provide their own hand tools having a gross replacement value in excess of $500. The tool allowance for 2018-2019 will be $500. Employees who qualify for tool allowances will receive their allowance by July 31.

Section 7A - Tool Allowance for Custodial Department

The custodial department at each school site shall receive a yearly tool allowance of $300. This money shall be placed in a special account to be used specifically for
Section 8 - Uniforms

Subdivision 1: Uniform Allowance – The Board shall provide a uniform allowance in the form of a credit or cash in the amount of $137.64 for the 2004-05 school year for personnel included in the Bargaining Unit. Management shall provide a list of vendors from whom a uniform may be purchased with the credit. This allowance shall be increased annually by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the salary schedule. Only one uniform allowance will be provided each fiscal year to designated employees.

To promote identification and safety, all Bargaining Unit employees may be required to purchase and wear a uniform as designated by individual department policy. It is the responsibility of the employee to maintain his/her appearance. Worn, faded, torn or damaged uniforms will not be acceptable. Any employee exempted by management from wearing a uniform shall not receive a uniform allowance.

New employees shall receive their uniform allowance in their first paycheck. Current 12-month employees shall receive their uniform allowance by July 31 and current ten-month employees shall receive their allowance by September 15th. New employees who are employed after April will not receive an allowance the following school year.

Management will establish uniform selection with input from the individual department representatives.

Subdivision 2: Safety Shoes – Designated employees shall receive an allowance of $56.85 for safety shoes. This allowance shall be increased annually by a percentage equal to the percentage increase in the salary schedule and shall be paid at the same time as the uniform allowance. Employees receiving this allowance will be required to purchase and wear appropriate safety shoes as approved by the Risk Management Department or Food and Nutrition.

Subdivision 3: Damaged Uniform - In the event a uniform becomes damaged due to a reported work accident, the item may be repaired or replaced at no expense to the employee. The administration will determine (1) whether or not the accident was work related and (2) whether the uniform shall be repaired or replaced.
Subdivision 4: Transportation Uniforms

A. Bus Monitors and Aides: Appropriate, standardized large golf umbrellas shall be purchased by the School District and placed on each bus.

B. Bus Drivers: Appropriate flashlights shall be purchased by the School District and placed on each bus.

Subdivision 5: The selection of uniforms will be determined by a committee comprised of management and union personnel.

Section 9 - Overpayment Deductions

If an error is made which results in an overpayment to an employee, the employee will be notified of the error and his obligation to repay such overpayment. The affected employee and a representative of the Payroll Department shall attempt to reach agreement on the means of repayment prior to deduction from an employee's paycheck. Normally, repayment shall be made within the fiscal year.

Section 10- Payroll Errors

Payroll errors which are not the results of employee error shall be corrected within five (5) days of notification unless the employee mutually agrees to extend that period.

Section11- Learn & Earn

The Board agrees to extend the benefits of the Learn & Earn Program to AFSCME Employees.

Section 12- Pay for Leads

Leads will be paid two pay grades above the trades they are leading. Positions that are currently paid three pay grades above the trades, in exception to this, shall remain at the current differential until the position is vacant. The vacant position will be reclassified to the standard two pay grades above the highest pay grade being led.

Section 13-Longevity

Employees who have completed (10) continuous years of service by November 30th of each year will receive a seven hundred fifty ($750.00) longevity supplement in their December 10th paycheck. Employees who have completed ten (10) continuous years of service by June 30th of each year will receive the longevity supplement in a July 10th paycheck. The supplement will be payable annually through their twentieth (20th) year
Employees who have completed twenty (20) continuous years of service by November 30th of each year will receive a fifteen hundred dollar ($1,500.00) longevity supplement in their December 10th paycheck. Employees who have completed twenty (20) continuous years of service by June 30th of each year will receive the longevity supplement in a July 10th paycheck. The supplement will be payable annually though their final year of service.

Longevity supplements will apply towards retirement credit.

Any employee must be in an active duty status (not on unpaid leave) as of December 1 or July 1, respectively, of any given school year to be eligible to receive his/her longevity payment. Employees who separate from service with the Board prior to December 1 or July 1, respectively, of any given school year will not be eligible to receive that year's longevity payment.

Section 14 Food Service Designee

1. There will be one food service designee per school designated, identified annually.
2. Employee qualifications for designee:
   a. Employee must be a six-hour worker
   b. ServSafe Certification within the first year
   c. Complete required training plan for designee
   d. Perform all duties in their absence, including but not limited to, staff supervision, ordering, inventory, end of day paperwork, receiving, payroll and training
   e. Assist the manager with staff training.

Food Service employees who meet the criteria to be a designee will receive a supplement of one pay grade while in that position.
ARTICLE XII

WORK HOURS AND OVERTIME

Section 1 - Hours

The specific work hours for each employee in this unit may vary according to the needs of the district. The employees' work hours will be designated by the appropriate Assistant Superintendent or his designee. The normal hours per day will be as adopted with the salary schedule for the current fiscal year.

Section 2 - Clean-up Period

All employees covered under the bargaining unit shall be granted a ten (10) minute personal clean-up period, if needed, prior to the end of each working day.

Section 3 - Rest Period

The work schedule for all employees shall provide for a fifteen (15) minute rest period during each four (4) hours of continuous work. The rest period shall be scheduled in the middle of each four hours of continuous work wherever this is feasible.

A 30 minute lunch break will break the four hours of continuous work.

Section 4 - Overtime

The workweek shall be from Sunday through Saturday. The employees' schedule during the work week shall be determined by the supervisor. Any employee who works more than forty (40) hours during any workweek shall be entitled to overtime pay or compensatory time. All paid leaves and paid and non-paid work days and holidays taken within the workweek shall count toward calculating time worked during the workweek. Overtime pay and compensatory time above forty (40) hours in any workweek shall be compensated at time and one-half except Sundays and holidays which shall be compensated at double time. The parties understand the needs of the departments vary between department and within a department during different times of the year. In lieu of overtime pay an employee and his/her supervisor may agree to compensatory time. Compensatory time shall be taken within ninety (90) working days unless otherwise required by law. Each department will provide a system for assigning overtime, which will include rotation as described below among qualified employees.

Overtime work may be required to provide a safe, sanitary or conducive school/work environment, as well as to protect life and property. All other overtime work shall be
voluntary. There shall be no discrimination against any employee who declines to work overtime in situations that do not involve a safe, sanitary or conducive school/work environment. The determination as to whether a situation involves a safe, sanitary or conducive school/work environment shall rest with the supervisor.

Overtime work may also be required to perform disaster preparedness and recovery operations requested by the Superintendent. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, the operation and maintenance of schools used as community shelters.

Overtime assignments will be rotated on a voluntary basis equally among personnel in the particular work group involved based on a seniority sequenced roster except as noted below. In cases where overtime is necessary in order to complete a work assignment already in progress, the opportunity for overtime will normally be offered first to the employees who have been working on that assignment during the immediately preceding work shift. If deemed necessary, personnel currently on duty may be required to complete the project. The parties understand that work situations may arise which require that specific individuals who possess certain skills or are familiar with a particular work site be offered overtime due to the nature of the assignment. As much advance notice as is reasonably possible shall be given prior to an overtime assignment.

**Subdivision 1 - Guaranteed Minimum:** Overtime, which runs contiguous to regular employment time shall be paid only for the hours actually worked. Overtime on a call-back basis for unscheduled work on an emergency basis not contiguous to regular employment, shall be paid as noted above with a guaranteed minimum of two (2) hours.

**Section 5 - Additional Food Service Hours**

When it is determined by the cafeteria manager that a substitute employee is needed for an absent food service employee, an effort will be made to increase, for that day, the daily work hours of less than seven (7) hour personnel before employing a substitute. An employee who expresses an interest in working the additional daily hours must be capable, as determined by the cafeteria manager, of performing the additional responsibilities. A cafeteria manager will not have to change the schedule of more than one employee to accomplish the requirements of this section.

**Section 6 - Compensation for Mandatory Meetings**

Employees shall receive their regular hourly wage or overtime whichever is applicable, if in excess of forty (40) hours per week, for time spent in mandatory staff development and inservice training activities. Employees who are called in by their-department supervisor or the administration for the purpose of discussing or counseling on matters relative to their work shall be paid their regular hourly wage or overtime, whichever is applicable, for that time.
Section 7

Sick leave for transportation personnel shall accrue for summer school based on Edulog time.

Any bus driver or attendant given an assignment not continuous to their morning or afternoon run shall be paid two hours or time worked, whichever is greater, if such time exceeds their minimum guaranteed hours.
ARTICLE XIII

VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

The benefits of this Article shall not be made available to any employee who works less than twenty (20) hours per week, unless the employee was hired in a less than twenty (20) hour-position prior to February 3, 1987.

Section 1 - Vacation for Twelve-Month Employees:

1. Employees with less than five years' continuous service will earn one day a month.

2. Employees with five years or more of continuous service will earn vacation leave at the rate of one and one-quarter days per month or fifteen working days per year.

3. Employees with ten (10) years' or more of continuous service will accrue leave at the rate of one and one-half days per month or eighteen working days per year.

4. Leave may be accumulated to a total of sixty days.

5. Days of vacation will be credited, only when they have been earned.

6. Holidays that come while an employee is on a paid vacation are counted as holidays, and are not charged against vacation credits.

7. Vacation leave requests shall be applied for according to the following schedule:

   | Up to 5 days | the day prior |
   | 6 - 10 days  | 2 weeks prior |
   | Over 10 days | 1 month      |

Where more than one employee in a department requests vacation for the same or overlapping time periods, exceeding one and one-half days, and it is not in the best interest of the school district to grant both requests, length of continuous service shall be the factor determining which employee's request is granted.

Vacation requests or needs due to issues beyond an employee’s control will be considered on an individual basis. Requests for vacations, not to exceed one day, will be accepted except in the case when all members of the shop will be absent. Vacations requests greater than one (1) day will be considered on an individual basis and may be granted or denied pending workload and job status. All leave forms must be returned to the employee and marked accepted or denied.
8. No vacation shall be granted to employees during the following time periods, except where a documented emergency exists or when an employee has a child/spouse who has attended/worked summer school for the full term and because of this is unable to take accumulated vacation time during the summer.

Maintenance/Operations/Vehicle Maintenance/Capital Building Construction - One week preceding the return of students and one week after the return of students

Warehouse - the two-week period preceding the return of students.

Section 2 - Discretionary Day

One paid discretionary day per fiscal year shall be granted to all employees of this bargaining unit who have successfully completed the first 120 days of their probationary period.

The employee is required to give one (1) day notice prior to taking the Discretionary Day.

A Discretionary Day for Transportation Department employees shall be the time estimated by assigned route time plus administrative time for a normal day.

A Discretionary Day shall be one full workday, equal to an employee’s normal work day (not extended day).

Food and Nutrition Service and Transportation employees shall not be permitted to use their discretionary day during the first or last five (5) days of their contract year. Discretionary day requests or needs due to issues beyond an employee’s control will be considered on an individual basis.

Section 3 - Ten-Month Employee Holidays

Ten (10) month employees shall receive Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, President’s Day, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day, and New Year's Day as paid holiday. Any employee who works on a paid holiday will be paid double time for those hours worked.
**Section 4 - Twelve-Month Employee Holidays**

Twelve (12) month employees shall receive New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and President’s Day as paid holidays. Any employee who works on a paid holiday will be paid double time for those hours worked.

*Section 5 – Vacation, Holidays and Non-Paid/Non-Work Days*

Twelve (12) month (253 days) employees shall have two (2) non-paid/non-work days annually. These two (2) days shall be Martin Luther King and Veteran’s Day. On years when Veteran’s Day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, another non-paid/non-work day shall be provided based on the Board approved calendar.

For the 2011/2012 year, AFSCME employees (except bus operators, bus attendants and food service workers) will have three non-paid/non-work furlough days. These days will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during Spring Break.
ARTICLE XIV

LEAVE FOR PERSONAL REASONS

This benefit shall not be made available to any employee who works less than 20 hours per week unless the employee was hired in a less than 20 hour position prior to February 3, 1987.

An employee may be granted leave for personal reasons with pay for up to six (6) days per year to be charged to accumulated sick leave. Personnel using such leave shall notify their supervisor at least twenty-four hours prior to taking such leave, except in cases of extreme emergency. Leave for personal reasons shall not be used to extend any holidays or vacations or during the first five or last five days of an employees work year, except 12 month employees may not take this leave during the two weeks preceding the return of the students, except in emergencies for which proof may be required. The parties recognize that it may not be possible for an employee to apply for emergency exceptions in advance. In such cases, the employee may make application upon return.
ARTICLE XV

SICK LEAVE AND ILLNESS-IN-LINE OF DUTY

These benefits shall not be made available to any employee who works less than 20 hours per week unless the employee was hired in a less than 20 hour position prior to February 3, 1987.

Section 1 - Sick Leave

Any permanent employee who is unable to perform his/her duties because of illness, illness or incapacity due to maternity reasons, or because of death of father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child, or other close relative, or who is a member of his/her own household and consequently has to be absent from his/her work shall be granted leave of absence for sickness by the Superintendent, or his designee. An employee who has no accrued leave, but requires leave for bereavement purposes, shall be granted up to give (5) days sick leave without loss of pay. However, the days granted under this provision shall be subtracted from future accruals of sick leave. The following provisions shall govern sick leave.

1. Sick leave is earned at the rate of one day for each full month of employment. Sick days are cumulative.

2. Part-time employees working less than a full day will accumulate sick leave credit proportionate to time worked.

3. All charges against accumulated sick leave will be in units of 1/4 hour or longer.

4. Holidays that come while an employee is on sick leave shall not be charged against the sick leave balance.

5. After three (3) days of absence, after hospitalization or whenever the supervisor has reasons to suspect sick leave abuse, a doctor’s note for the sick leave absence may be required from a licensed physician or other acceptable authority.

6. Certification may also be required that returning employees are capable of performing their regular duties or that their return will not jeopardize the health of others they will come in contact with in the performance of their duties.
7. Upon termination of employment for any reason except retirement or death, any accumulated sick leave will become void.

8. Use of Sick Leave by a Family Member: An employee of the Manatee County School District may authorize his or her spouse, child, parent, or sibling who is also a district employee to use sick leave that has accrued to the authorizing employee. The recipient may not use the donated sick leave until all of his or her sick leave has been depleted, not including sick leave from a sick leave pool, if the recipient participates in a sick leave pool.

Donated sick leave under this provision shall have no terminal value to the recipient as provided by Florida Statute 1012.61 (2). However, unused donated sick leave will revert to the individual who donated it and shall maintain its value upon retirement.

9. Use of donated sick leave by Non-Family Members: An employee of the Manatee County School District may authorize another District employee to use sick leave that has accrued to the authorizing employee. The recipient may not use the donated sick leave until all of his or her sick leave has been depleted, not including sick leave from a sick leave pool, if the recipient participates in a sick leave pool. Any unused donated sick leave will remain with the employee it was donated to but shall have no value upon retirement.

Section 2 - Sick Leave Cash In

Employees who use no more than 2 sick leave days, including leave for personal reasons in any fiscal year, shall be eligible to "cash in" up to two (2) days of their sick leave according to the following provisions:

1. Employees must apply on forms prescribed by the Payroll Department during the month of June.

2. The number of days purchased from the employee's accumulated balance shall be paid at 80% of the employee's daily rate in effect during the fiscal year that the application is made as provided in Section 1012.61, F.S. and shall be deducted from the employee's sick leave upon approval of the application. Once the days are deducted, the deduction shall be irrevocable.

3. An employee must be employed or on compensable leave on the first workday for that employee's position during the fiscal year that the application is made, and must be employed or be on compensable leave on the date of payment.
4. If an employee elects to be paid for these days, payment shall be made no later than December 5 of each year.

Section 3 – Terminally Ill Employees

Any employee who has credit for a minimum of two years of service with the School District of Manatee County, who at the time of the leave, is covered under the Board health insurance plan and who is terminally ill or a spouse or child who is a member of the employee’s household is terminally ill shall have the School Board portion of his or her insurance premium paid by the Board for up to 12 months from the date that the individual begins his or her unpaid sick leave.

Any documentation of terminal illness shall remain confidential and not be placed in the personnel file of the employee.

Section 4 - Illness-In-Line-Of-Duty-Leave

An employee shall be entitled to illness-in-line-of duty leave when said employee needs to be absent from duty because of a personal injury received in the discharge of duty or because of illness from any contagious or infectious disease contracted in school work, excluding common colds, flu and other sickness of this nature. A physician's statement verifying the nature of the injury or illness must be provided by the employee before illness-in-line-of duty leave pay is granted. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon the employee to provide evidence that such injury was incurred during his line of duty. Such leave may be authorized for a total not to exceed ten (10) duty days during any fiscal year for illness contracted, or injury incurred, from such causes as prescribed above, such leave not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave. In the case of sickness or injury occurring under such circumstances, additional sick leave may be granted for such term and under such conditions as the School Board shall deem proper.
ARTICLE XVI

INSURANCE BENEFITS

Section I - Health Insurance

A summary of the health insurance plan designs and their associated premiums for the 2017-2018 plan year are located in Appendix B.
ARTICLE XVII

TERMINAL PAY UPON RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Section 1 – Terminal Sick Leave Benefit

1. The terminal sick leave benefit shall be provided in a manner consistent with Florida Statutes for all AFSCME employees in the bargaining unit as defined as defined by Florida Retirement System (FRS) Rules at the time of the AFSCME employee’s retirement.

2. If a retiree who has previously received terminal pay benefits returns to active employment, they are not eligible for additional terminal pay benefits.

3. General provisions: Only those sick days earned during employment with Manatee County School Board shall be used to calculate terminal pay benefits.

   a. The AFSCME employee’s average base salary rate over the last five years of employment with the School District of Manatee County will be used to calculate terminal pay benefits.

Section 2 – Normal Retirement and Early Retirement

1. Benefits Upon Normal or Early Retirement for Sick Leave Days Earned. Employees paid under the AFSCME employee’s salary schedules shall be eligible for terminal sick pay benefits at the time of their retirement from Manatee County School Board, if they elect to take normal retirement as defined by FRS rules at the time of their retirement. Benefits will be paid in accordance with the following criteria.

   a. From zero (0) year to the completion of the 15th year of service in Manatee County, the daily rate of pay multiplied by fifty percent (50%) times the number of days of sick leave accumulated.

   b. Beginning year 16 through completion of year 25, the daily rate of pay multiplied by seventy-five percent (75%) times the number of days of sick leave accumulated.

   c. Beginning year 26 and thereafter, the daily rate of pay multiplied by one hundred percent (100%) times the number of days of sick leave accumulated.
Section 3- General Provisions for Employees Hired Before July 1, 2012

1. Use of Accumulated Leave from other Florida Retirement system Employers:

Only Manatee County School Board accumulated sick leave shall be used to calculate terminal pay benefits. However, when calculating the number of Manatee County accumulated days remaining upon retirement, the following formula shall be used:

   a. Determine the number of days accrued from another Florida Retirement System employer.

   b. Subtract one-half (½) of the sick leave used during the time of employment.

      If the total is 0 or less, then all of the ending sick leave days are eligible for Terminal Sick Leave pay.

   c. If the total is greater than 0, subtract this total from the ending sick leave balance to arrive at a revised number of sick leave days that are eligible for Terminal Sick Leave pay.

Years of service in Manatee County is defined as ½ the number of workdays in a year plus one.

2. The daily rate for payment of terminal pay shall be the daily rate at the time of the employee’s retirement.

Section 4- General provisions for Employees Hired After June 30, 2012

1. Use of Accumulated Leave from other Florida Retirement System Employers:

Only Manatee County School Board accumulated sick leave shall be used to calculate terminal pay benefits. However, when calculating the number of Manatee County accumulated days remaining upon retirement, the following formula shall be used:

   a. Determine the number of days accrued from another Florida Retirement System employer.

   b. Subtract one-half (1/2) of the sick leave used during the time of employment.

   c. If the total is 0 or less, then all of the ending sick leave days are eligible for Terminal Sick Leave Pay.
d. If the total is greater than 0, subtract this total from the ending sick leave balance to arrive at a revised number of sick leave days that are eligible for Terminal Sick Leave pay.

Years of service in Manatee County is defined as \( \frac{1}{2} \) the number of workdays in a year plus one.

2. The order of use for sick days shall be earliest earned will be used first (First in First Out).

3. The daily rate for terminal pay purposes shall be the daily rate as of June 30\textsuperscript{th} for the year the days were earned.
ARTICLE XVIII - DURATION, RATIFICATIONS & EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this contract shall be July 1, 2017 and shall have a term of three years. Article XI and Article XVI will be open for 2017/2018. In addition, each party may reopen one additional section of the agreement for bargaining for the 2017/2018 year.

All Articles not brought to the table by either party shall remain as is in full force and effect in the New Agreement.

Dates throughout the Contract shall be changed in the corresponding Articles to reflect the new duration period of the New Agreement.

ATTACHMENT 1

1. Jury Duty Leave for transportation employees shall be calculated in the same manner as the discretionary day is for bus drivers.

2. School Bus Drivers wishing to have a summer school route shall be given priority for these routes over personnel in other positions in the school system and seniority shall be considered in making such assignments.

3. Provide a contribution of .10 per employee, per thousand dollars of coverage, per month for all employees who purchase a second salary level of life insurance. The parties recognize that this agreement is full settlement of all claims which might arise related to contributions by the board for life insurance for employees with a second salary level of life insurance.

ATTACHMENT 2

iii. Hospital due to a sudden onset of a medical emergency.

Medical Emergency: A person’s sickness or injury of such nature that failure to get immediate medical care could put the person’s life in danger or cause serious harm to the person’s bodily functions. Some example of a medical emergency are: apparent heart attack including, but not limited to, severe crushing chest pain radiating to the arms and jaw; cerebral vascular accidents, severe shortness of breath or difficulty in breathing, severe or multiple injuries, including obvious convulsions, severe or multiple injuries, including obvious fractures, severe allergic reactions; cyanosis; medical emergencies of blind persons, paraplegics, or quadriplegics which make transportation to the hospital difficult; apparent poisoning. Some examples of conditions that are not usually Medical Emergencies; cold, influenza, ordinary sprains, children’s ear infections, nausea and headaches. In connection with the pregnancy of a covered person, a term delivery, whether vaginally or by cesarean section, is not a Medical Emergency.
**APPENDIX A**

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Outpatient: 100% of Medicare allowable charges (after $0 copay)

In-Network: 20% of BCB/BS allowable charges
Out-of-Network: 50% of BCB/BS allowable charges

Emergency/Out-of-Network: 100% of Medicare allowable charges

Office Services:
Primary Care Physician: $10
Specialist: $10

Drug Costs:
Pharmacy Prescriptions: 30/60/90 days
Generic: $10/$15/$25
Preferred: $5/$10/$15
Non-Preferred: $5/$10/$15

****Do not elect medical coverage that your paycheck cannot support.****
Should the Manatee County School Board impose a more favorable medical plan(s) or rate structure as part of the District’s Health Plan, AFSCME Local 1584 shall have access to any such plan(s) or rate structure.

Life insurance provided by the Board will decrease from two (2) times an employee’s annual salary to one (1) times their annual salary.
### School Board of Manatee County

#### 2017-2018 Salary Schedule for ASUFCME Bargaining Unit Positions

| Pay Grade | 00 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
Appendix D

Memorandum of Understanding
INCENTIVE OPTIONS
PROPOSED MOU FOR 2018-19
For 10 & 12 Month AFSCME Employees

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
The Perfect Attendance Program designed to recognize those whose attendance is perfect.

ELIGIBILITY
- Employees represented by the bargaining unit are eligible
- Eligible employees must be on active duty for the workday, each day during the semester
  (jury duty, military duty, or personal leave to observe a traditionally recognized religious holiday)
- Discretionary day may be taken per term identified in the contract

PAYMENT
- ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE $500 PER SEMESTER PAID IN JANUARY AND JUNE

EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY
- Employees represented by the bargaining unit are eligible if they are not receiving the perfect attendance incentive
- Eligible employees must be on active duty for the workday, each day during the semester
  (jury duty, military duty, or personal leave to observe a traditionally recognized religious holiday)
- Eligible employees are allowed one absence per SEMESTER.
- Partial absence on any day would constitute ½ day toward the one absence per SEMESTER
- Discretionary day taken during the first SEMESTER will not count as an absence

PAYMENT
- ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE $250 PER SEMESTER PAID IN JANUARY AND JUNE

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE
Current employees are the best advertising for vacant positions. A $100 incentive will be paid for bringing an employee to any open AFSCME position.
- The new to the district employee must complete 90 work days of satisfactory employment
  90 days will begin after applicable training
- New employees will be asked to validate the referral for the position before the referring employee receives the incentive
INCENTIVE OPTIONS
PROPOSED MOU FOR 2019-20
For 10 & 12 Month AFSCME Employees

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
The Perfect Attendance Program designed to recognize those whose attendance is perfect.

ELIGIBILITY
- Employees represented by the bargaining unit are eligible.
- Eligible employees must be on active duty for the workday, each day during the quarter.
  - (Jury duty, military duty, or personal leave to observe a traditionally recognized religious holiday).
- Discretionary day may be taken per term identified in the contract.

PAYMENT
- ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE $250 per quarter – paid on the second check of the month following the end of the quarter
  12 Month – (July 1 – September 30; October 1 – December 31; January 1 – March 31; April 1 – June 30)
  10-12 Month – (Contract start date – September 30; October 1 – December 31; January 1 – March 31; April 1 – last day of contract)

EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY
- Employees represented by the bargaining unit are eligible if they are not receiving the perfect attendance incentive.
- Eligible employees must be on active duty for the workday, each day during the semester.
  (Jury duty, military duty, or personal leave to observe a traditionally recognized religious holiday)
- Eligible employees are allowed one absence per quarter.
- Partial absence on any day would constitute ¼ day toward the one absence per quarter.
- Discretionary day taken during the first or second quarter will not count as an absence.

PAYMENT
- ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE $125 per quarter paid on the second check of the month following the end of the quarter
  10 month – (July 1 – September 30; October 1 – December 31; January 1 – March 31; April 1 – June 30)
  10-12 Month – (Contract start date – September 30; October 1 – December 31; January 1 – March 31; April 1 – last day of contract)

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE
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- The new to the district employee must complete 90 work days of satisfactory employment (90 days will begin after applicable training).
- New employees will be asked to validate the referral for the position before the referring employee receives the incentive.

AFSCME Florida
By: [Signature]
Date: January 23, 2019

School Board of Manatee County, Florida
By: [Signature]
Date: 1/22/2019
Salary Proposal
The School Board of Manatee County

And

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee (AFSCME)

January 22, 2019

1. Eligible (worked one day more than half of the 2017-2018 school year) Food Service Workers are not included in the figures (cost estimate) presented.

2. Eligible Food Service Workers will be placed on the step which matches years of service. Years of service is based on the “date started” field in JD Edwards and will be rounded according to standard rounding rules. For example, a food service worker who has six years of service and sits on Step 3 would move to Step 6.

3. Eligible AFSCME employees, other than Food Service Workers, who are on step one will move one step.

4. Eligible AFSCME employees, other than Food Service Workers, who are on steps two through 10, will move two steps, if they have at least five years of service.

5. Eligible AFSCME employees, other than Food Service Workers, who are on steps two through 10, will move one step, if they have less than five years of service.

6. Eligible AFSCME employees, other than Food Service Workers, who are above step 10 will move one step.

AFSCME Florida

BY: [Signature]
Date: January 22, 2019

School Board of Manatee County, Florida

BY: [Signature]
Date: 1/22/2019
Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The School District of Manatee County
And
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee (AFSCME)
Addendum to Millage Referendum Memorandum of Understanding—Residual Funds

This Memorandum of Understanding is made and entered into by the School District of Manatee County and AFSCME who mutually agree to the following additional terms regarding the One (1) Mill Referendum.

Any unused AFSCME Referendum funds will be equally distributed amongst non-Food Service Workers, if they have more than 10 years of service.

It is understood by the parties that the collective bargaining agreement, Article IX, Section 1, is distinct and separate from this Memorandum of Understanding, and it is the intent of AFSCME to negotiate its annual salary schedule.

AFSCME Florida
By: Wilfred Tellado, Regional
Name: Wilfredo Tellado, Regional
Date: January 23, 2019

School District of Manatee County, FL
By: Sam Lee
Name: Sam Lee, Chief Negotiator
Date: 1/22/2019
Ratification AFSCME, Local 1584 Agreement

The execution of this Ratification Agreement by the respective parties evidences that this Ratification Agreement and the terms and conditions hereof have been ratified pursuant to Section 447.309, Florida Statutes by the employees who are members of the particular bargaining unit and by the School Board of Manatee County held on 27 of February 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have cause this Ratification Agreement to be executed this 19 day of March 2018.

Bargaining Agent
American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Local 1584

By: Wilfrado Tellado
AFSCME Chief Negotiator

Public Employer
School Board of Manatee County

By: Dr. Diana Greene
Superintendent

By: Ron Cranna, J.D.
Chief Negotiator
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Signed: [Signature]

Date: [Date]