

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2025

CONTRACT BETWEEN

TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 633 OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT CUSTODIANS

&

THE HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT



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PREAMBLE

The Hopkinton School District (hereinafter the "District") represented by the Hopkinton School Board (hereinafter the "Board") being the board of education for the Hopkinton School District, and its employees represented by the Teamsters Union No. 633 of New Hampshire (hereinafter the "Union") join in this agreement.

The District and the Union recognize that the parties are expected to treat each other with the respect and consideration which is ordinarily expected and practiced by persons in their relations with each other.

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the first day of July, 2016 and between the Board acting for the District and the Union.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS pursuant to RSA 273-A, the Board has the authority to bargain in good faith with the Union as the representative of the Employees of the District included in the unit as set forth in Article I, the Recognition Clause, and

WHEREAS it is understood that this Agreement shall not preclude the parties from informally communicating with each other or members of either group, and

WHEREAS the parties have reached certain understandings which they desire to confirm in the Agreement.

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

The Board agrees to recognize the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent in the matter of wages, hours, and other conditions of employment for all Custodians and maintenance workers employed by the above named public employer.

The term "custodian" includes regular full-time and regular part-time Custodians, as well as the Day and Night Supervisor positions. The term "maintenance worker" includes all regular full-time and part-time maintenance workers. Collectively, they shall be referred to as "employees."

ARTICLE II
DURATION OF CONTRACT

This contract goes into effect July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2025.

The terms of this contract shall continue if the parties are involved in any aspect of negotiations.

ARTICLE III NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE

Negotiations shall begin no later than October 15 of the last year of the current contract. It is the responsibility of the Teamster Local No. 633 of New Hampshire to notify the board of their desire to begin negotiations. Ground rules for negotiations shall be set by the two parties at the first negotiations meeting.

Both parties agree to freely exchange ideas, proposals and counter proposals, and negotiate in good faith.

Any part of the negotiations agreement which is found to be contrary to law will not be binding on either party.

In the event impasse is declared by either party, the guidelines established under RSA 273-A shall be followed.

ARTICLE IV
SENIORITY

Seniority shall be defined as follows:

1. There will be two (2) separate groups designated for seniority. Full time and part-time.
2. No regular part-time employee will have seniority over a full-time regular employee.
3. Date of hire of continuous, regular service will be used to establish seniority within their respective group.
4. No probationary worker will be considered as part of the seniority system.
5. No part-time employee who becomes a regular full-time employee shall be placed ahead of any regular full-time employee already on the seniority roster.

ARTICLE V ASSIGNMENT/TRANSFERS

Custodians are hired to work for the Hopkinton School District not a specific school. Assignments can change at any time, for any reason.

1. The Superintendent of Schools, or designee, shall make all assignments and transfers within the District.
2. Assignments shall be for the forthcoming school year, subject to reassignments, if necessary, by the Superintendent or designee.
 - a. If notice is made by May 1 of the school year by the Superintendent or designee, all custodial staff will be required to work the day shift (with no evening shift differential) during the summer break time frame.”
 - b. The Custodian and the District's designee will discuss, at least two weeks prior to the reassignment, the reasons and the scope of the reassignment.
 - c. Such reassignments shall be considered as involuntary. However, refusal to accept such a transfer shall subject the employee to disciplinary action, up to, and including termination.
 - d. The parties recognize that transfers shall not be used in place of a normal disciplinary process.

3. A vacancy shall be defined for purposes of this article as a position presently unfilled, a position currently filled but which will be open in the future, or a new position.
4. Prior to involuntary transfer of any Custodian, the Superintendent, or designee, shall consider any volunteer to fill said vacancy.
5. A vacancy which exists within the district will be posted by the Superintendent, or designee, for ten (10) calendar days, except in the case of emergency. The vacancy notice will include the job title, job description and requirements for the position.
6. In the event that the District needs coverage for a current custodial assignment due to unavailability of a particular custodian and cannot, after reasonable effort and notification to existing employees regarding the need for coverage, cover that assignment, the District may hire a temporary substitute/casual employee to fill that need. It is understood that incumbent employees will have the first opportunity to provide coverage even if it results in overtime for that incumbent employee. Any casual/substitute custodian hired by the District shall be paid in accordance with the progression outlined in Article 16 and shall receive progression credit for time worked. Casual/Substitute employees shall attain seniority once they complete the probationary period.

ARTICLE VI

HOURS OF WORK, REST PERIOD/COFFEE BREAK AND OVERTIME

6.1 Hours of Work

- a. The regular permanent weekly work schedule for full-time employees shall consist of five consecutive 8 1/2 (eight and one half) hour work days, inclusive of one unpaid 30 (thirty) minute meal period.
- b. Existing part-time employees as of the date of the ratification of this Agreement shall have a four (4) hour minimum daily guarantee.
- c. As is past practice, employees must take their breaks and lunches on-site during the overtime period to remain accessible, if necessary, to those using the facilities.
- d. Employees will be asked to record that they did or did not take this 1/2 hour lunch/rest period on time cards.
- e. Regular Custodians at the date of this contract may not involuntarily have their work schedules altered to include weekend days. New hires will work 5 consecutive days which may include one weekend day.
- f. The Superintendent, or designee, shall reserve the right to schedule hours on certain jobs which cannot be performed within the normal work day or work week. The normal clean-up time is 5 (five) minutes before meal period and 5 (five) minutes before the end of each shift. The District reserves the right to alter the clean-up time

in cases which, in their opinion, merit change.

- g. Strict observance of working hours is required of all employees and those who are, in the opinion of management, habitually late, or leave before quitting, or otherwise violate working hours, may be subject to discipline.

6.2 Overtime

- a. Overtime will be calculated as being more than 40 hours a week. These hours include paid sick, holiday, personal, or any other worked or non-worked paid weekly hours.
- b. In any week in which a holiday occurs, the parties recognize that such holidays place an equal burden on all concerned.
- c. No employee shall receive disciplinary action for refusing overtime work if there is a willing employee available to perform such overtime.
- d. Employees, who are properly notified and scheduled for mandatory overtime, and refuse such overtime, may be subject to discipline up to and including discharge. All employees will be responsible for providing the District with a current phone number where they can be reached.
- e. Custodians will be allowed to volunteer for overtime during the normal workweek, in their assigned buildings, by seniority amongst all Custodians.
- i. A sign-up list will be posted weekly, if overtime is available, by noon time on Monday indicating the possibility of overtime.

Posted overtime shall be available on a voluntary basis until Noon on Tuesday of each week. If there are insufficient volunteers to perform the posted overtime then the Custodian with the least amount of overtime on the books shall be assigned said overtime. Notice of assigned overtime shall be made not later than 1 p.m. on Wednesday. In situations where the overtime requirement could not be foreseen by the District the parties agree that the posting and assignment of such overtime shall not be bound by the time constraints referenced above. Grievances relating to the assignment of overtime as the result of insufficient notice as referenced above shall only be entertained if the Union can substantiate that the District has acted in an arbitrary or capricious manner.

- ii. The first overtime of the school year (July 1 through June 30) will be assigned to the most senior Custodian who volunteers to work. If no Custodian volunteers to work, that overtime will be assigned to the least senior Custodian.
- iii. For all other overtime, the Custodian who volunteers for said overtime with the lowest amount of overtime worked in the current school year will be scheduled first.
- iv. If there are an insufficient number of Custodians volunteering for such weekly overtime, then the Superintendent, or designee, will schedule such overtime to the Custodian with the least amount of overtime hours worked in the building.
- v. As a result of weekday absenteeism, the District may solicit volunteers, from the regular Custodians, in the following fashion:
 - 1. The Custodian, within the building affected by the absenteeism, with the least amount of overtime hours worked within the District would be asked first.
 - 2. If sufficient Custodians do not volunteer, within the effected building, to replace said absenteeism then the District may solicit "outside" the effected building on the basis of the least amount of overtime hours worked within the District.

The parties agree that the District shall not be required to leave any building totally unmanned as a result of this procedure, and may, if necessary go to the next volunteer outside the building with the lowest hours, within the District, to find absentee replacement/s.

- vi. Overtime hours worked, or charged, within a school year will be zeroed out every July 1 of each school year.
- vii. The District will post the overtime hours summary by the 7th day of each month from September through June.
- f. Custodians will be allowed to volunteer for overtime on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays on a District-wide basis.
 - i. When such overtime is necessary, the same procedure outlined in section 6.2:1 A-E above shall be utilized to schedule said overtime.

- ii. Custodians who are assigned overtime as a result of events that are not regularly scheduled during the work week, such as sporting events, community functions, or other such events, not related to the normal work schedule, may be required to perform, normal custodial job duties including painting and window washing, to a maximum of 75% (seventy-five percent) of the actual time scheduled for the particular event.
- g. Overtime procedures concerning break and lunches will include:
 - A 15 minute break will be observed during the first and second hour of an overtime assignment.
 - A 1/2 hour unpaid lunch break will be observed during the fourth and fifth hours of an assigned overtime.
 - Another 15 minute break will occur during the seventh or eighth hour of an overtime assignment.

6.3 Rest Period/Coffee Break

The work schedule will provide for meal and rest breaks at the work site in accordance with State and Federal laws. Meal break is one half hour and rest breaks/coffee breaks are fifteen minutes in length one in the first half of the shift and one in the second half of the shift. Rest break/coffee breaks are allocated one per four hour shift. Employees must stay on campus for the rest break/coffee break.

ARTICLE VII ATTENDANCE, TIME RECORDS & CALL INTO WORK

7.1 Attendance

- a. The employee is expected to be prompt and regular in attendance at work. As soon as an employee knows he/she is going to be late or absent, he/she must notify the Business Administrator or her/his designee. Notification will be made to the Business Administrator or her/his designee prior to the scheduled start time of the shift.
- b. If an employee is absent on the day prior to his/her scheduled overtime, they must indicate their availability for any and all scheduled overtime at the time of reporting the absence. If scheduled overtime cannot be worked due to illness or injury, the affected custodian shall be assigned the next available "assigned overtime" shift. This is for a weekend overtime assignment.

7.2 Time Records

- a. It is mandatory that the record of each employee's time worked be accurate. No employee shall falsify his/her time record or alter or falsify the record of any other employee. Late arrivals or early departures are to be accurately recorded.
- b. Pay week will be Monday through Friday. Paydays are bi-weekly and on Fridays.

There will be a one week delay between last day worked and pay day. Paychecks for the night shift Custodians will be distributed Thursday afternoon whenever possible.

- c. Electronic time sheets will record actual punch in and punch out time daily in accordance with New Hampshire Law. Full-time employees are expected to work 8 (eight) hour days. Current part-time employees have a 4 hour minimum guarantee even if their punch time is less than 4 hours. No employee may work more than 8 (eight) hours a day without prior approval of the Business Administrator or his/her designee.

7.3 Call Into Work

- a. Any employee called into work for emergency reasons at any time other than his/her regular shift shall receive at least three hours pay at the prevailing overtime rate.
- b. It is the responsibility of the employee to provide a current telephone number where they can be reached. Failure of employee to provide District with a current telephone number shall not subject the District to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE VIII

PROGRESS REVIEWS, PROMOTIONS & ANNUAL RAISES

8.1 Progress Reviews & Promotions

- a. There are several prime requisites for success on your job. They are:
 - Punctuality
 - Adherence to job description
 - Willingness to cooperate with supervisors and other employees on the job.
 - Ability to work quickly, efficiently, neatly and quietly.
- b. A Hopkinton School District approved job description will be given to each custodian at the inception of this contract, after a new custodian has completed the hiring process, and/or when a change in the job description is made and will be reviewed by the employee and his/her supervisor. It is understood by both the employee and his/her supervisor that a safe and clean educational environment is the goal of the Hopkinton School District and its custodial employees. All new Employees will be considered probationary for the first 90 (Ninety) continuing calendar days. The probationary period of an employee may be extended an additional 30 days for good cause. In a case involving discipline within the probationary period, the District shall notify the Local Union in writing. It is agreed that action for termination during the probationary period shall be at the full discretion of the Hopkinton School District without union review. Employees employed more than six months will receive a performance review annually or at other intervals as may be required as a result of a personal job performance.

8.2 Annual Raises

- a. Annual wage increases, including designation as Head Custodian, may be granted to each employee on a contract year of July 1 to June 30.
- b. The parties have agreed that the Custodians at the Hopkinton School District SAU # 66 shall be allowed to perform certain "light maintenance tasks" associated with their normal duties.
- c. Nothing in this agreement is intended to allow the Custodians to perform electrical, plumbing, or HVAC duties that are historically assigned to a qualified maintenance man or subcontracted to a qualified or licensed entity.
- d. The Custodians shall be limited to such things as hanging of pictures/posters, etc., the occasional building of bookshelves and other duties that would not require specific skills or qualifications normally associated with certified maintenance men.
- e. Further, no Custodian shall be disciplined for errors or lack of quality as a result of these new "light maintenance" tasks as they clearly are outside the job descriptions associated with the work force.
- f. Any specific issues that may arise out of the appropriateness of "light maintenance" tasks shall be resolved by the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator, the Facility Director and the Business Agent.

8.3 Head Custodian

The Head Custodian assignment, if made, will be done on an annual basis beginning July 1. In the event that such assignment is not to be renewed based upon job performance, the custodian will receive written notification addressing concerns, as well as strategies for improvement, not less than 60 days prior to June 30. If the determination is made to remove the rate of pay as Head Custodian, the Head Custodian may appeal the decision to the Superintendent of Schools. The appeal will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE IX
LEAVES/VACATIONS/HOLIDAYS

9.1 Vacations

- a. All new hires from that date will have 10 (ten) working days per school year (July 1 - June 30) for the first 5 (five) years and 15 (fifteen) days after 5 (five) years of continuous employment. Starting in July 2022 (Third year of the contract), there will be a new category for those employees 10 years or more and they will receive 20 (twenty) vacation days. An employee's first year of vacation time shall be calculated from date of hire through June 30 - prorated based on 10 (ten) days per year. Thereafter vacation time shall be calculated at 10 (ten) days for a full year of continuous service.
- b. Vacation time will be accrued at 1.25 days per month for incumbent employees and .833 days per month for new hires. Part-time employees' vacation time earned will be prorated according to hours worked a day. Accrued unused vacation time shall be paid at time of termination.
- c. Employees are encouraged, but not required to take their vacations during the summer months, July and August. One week of accrued vacation may be carried over to the next school year and if not used by June 30th of the carry over year, that carried over vacation will be lost. The purpose of providing vacation time is to give employees an opportunity to get away from the job long enough to rest and return to work refreshed. Therefore, vacation time should not be taken for less than one week unless approved by the Superintendent, or Designee. The District will make the final decision in any and all assignments. The Custodians may be allowed to take a vacation during school vacations provided there are enough Custodians to cover scheduled work assignments.
- d. Upon completion of the probationary period, Custodians shall be credited for such time served in the probationary status toward vacation.
- e. Vacation time will not accrue during unpaid leave of absences.
- f. If a holiday falls within a vacation period, the custodian will be allowed to extend the vacation period by the holiday. A custodian will not receive an extra payment for a holiday that falls within a vacation period.
- g. Vacations will not routinely be approved for the week following the close of school or the week before opening of school.
- h. Vacation time must be requested and approved electronically at least three weeks prior to the time to be taken.

9.2 Holidays

- a. Only full-time employees working 40 (forty) hours per week shall be eligible for full holiday pay. To be eligible for holiday pay, the employee must have worked the last scheduled day before, as well as the first scheduled day after the holiday, unless the holiday falls within a vacation or leave period. Part-time employees shall receive 4 hours for each holiday. An employee cannot receive a holiday pay while on unpaid leave.
- b. All full-time Employees shall be paid the following named holidays:
 - New Year's Day
 - Martin Luther King Junior Day
 - Memorial Day
 - Independence Day
 - Labor Day
 - Veterans' Day
 - Thanksgiving
 - Day After Thanksgiving
 - Christmas Eve
 - Christmas
 - Two days of full-time custodian's choice
- c. Actual days will be defined on the school calendar. In the event the holiday falls on a weekend or when school is in session, the District shall designate a substitute day for such holiday. In the case of occupational illness or injury, a custodian will be paid for any holiday falling within the first 30 (thirty) days of that illness or injury. Holiday pay shall be paid at the custodian's regular straight time rate excluding shift differentials.

9.3 Illness

- a. The intended use of this leave is for legitimate illness. Custodians are allowed 13 (thirteen) days per year, accumulative at the rate of 1.083 days per month. Maximum accumulation of sick days shall be one hundred twenty (120) days. The District reserves the right to require a doctor's certificate for illnesses of more than three consecutive days or in instances where it is reasonable to prevent improper use of leave.
- b. Accumulated but unused sick leave is not included as part of a custodian's final compensation.

9.4 Personal

- a. Three (3) of the thirteen (13) sick days may be used for personal leave. Personal days do not accumulate from year to year. Personal days may be used for personal reasons, such as religious obligations, a court appearance, or a similar type of personal, business, or family matter of an emergency nature.
- b. Personal days are not to be used as additional vacation time, either separately or as extensions of weekends or established school vacations. Neither are personal days to be used for routine personal or family matters that can normally be scheduled outside of normal work hours. When possible, prior written notification of intent to use personal days shall be given to the Superintendent, or Designee. Personal days are to be deducted from sick leave as used.

9.5 Bereavement Leave

- a. In the event of a death in a regular employee's immediate family (mother, father, spouse, children, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother, half-sister, stepbrother, stepsister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, grandparents and spouse's grandparents) that employee shall be given five (5) days of leave, and he/she shall be paid at his/her regular straight-time rate for such leave (the terms brother-in-law and sister-in-law shall be limited to the natural brother/sister of the custodian's spouse).
- b. This provision shall be applicable only to employees who are scheduled to work at the time of and immediately following the death.

9.6 Legal Proceedings

The District agrees to provide a leave of absence for an employee compelled to attend a legal proceeding in which they are not the plaintiff or complaining party (including but not limited to trials, hearings or depositions) as a juror, witness or defendant. The District will pay his/her salary while at such proceeding, and the custodian will give his/her jury or witness fee, if any, to the District.

9.7 Military

The District agrees to provide a leave of absence without pay for an employee summoned to military duty. Leave will only be approved upon presentation of official notification from the armed forces of said military duty.

9.8 Child Bearing

The District agrees to grant child bearing leave as provided by law.

9.9 Medical

The District may grant an extended leave of absence without pay to an employee who must undergo extended medical treatment. Leave, if granted, shall be for that period of time recommended by the physician, not to exceed the end of the contract year, but may upon application be renewed to a second contract year. At the end of the second year, all obligations shall cease if an employee still is unable or unwilling to return.

9.10 FMLA

The District agrees to grant the benefits provided by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to all eligible employees. Leave under this section shall be considered non-paid leave. Nothing in this section shall be construed as depriving an employee of any rights that they may already have. Accrued paid leave may be substituted for unpaid leave taken for FMLA. Accrued paid leave means any paid leave which the employee is entitled to take when the FMLA leave commences. Substituted paid leave shall be paid as set forth in this agreement. The provisions of this section are in response to the Federal Act and shall not supersede any State or local law which provides for greater employee rights.

9.11 Lost Time Due to Bad Weather or Other Emergency Conditions

- a. Employees, with approval of the Business Administrator or her/his designee, may be excused from their regular assigned duties, without pay, due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions. The criteria used for approval for work release will be school closings, early release, delayed opening or other emergency conditions during non-school work hours. If power is lost for over an hour, Employees should leave work if outside lighting is not enough to allow for work to continue. If power is lost for an hour, employees should report to the high school.
- b. The work hours lost will be without pay. The work hours lost may be made up and paid within the current or following pay period. No lost work hours can be made up later than two weeks from the date of the time lost. At no time will made up lost work hours be paid at an overtime rate.

9.12 Other

The District may grant a leave of absence for any other reasons it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE X
WARNING AND TERMINATION PROCEDURE

- 10.1 Upon completion of the 90 (Ninety) day probationary period each employee should know the District Policies and what is expected of him/her in relation to his/her job performances as stated in the job description.
- 10.2 The right of the District to discharge, suspend, or otherwise discipline in a fair and impartial manner for just and sufficient cause is hereby acknowledged by the union.
- 10.3 Whenever an employee is discharged, suspended or otherwise disciplined, the employee involved will be notified in writing of such discipline and the reason thereof. Whenever an employee is discharged, suspended or otherwise disciplined, the employee and the Union shall be notified, in writing, within twenty-four (24) hours of such discharge, suspension or other disciplinary action and the reason therefore. Notification to the Union Steward and/or the local Union President shall satisfy the provisions of Union notification.
- 10.4 No disciplinary action, written notice of which has not been given to the Union and the employee, shall be considered for any subsequent disciplinary action. Written and oral discipline which has been given to an employee more than 12 (twelve) consecutive months prior to the current act shall not be considered for any subsequent disciplinary action unless the employee had been previously suspended for a similar act.
- 10.5 Discipline will be in the form of:
 - a. Oral reprimand.
 - b. Written reprimand with an acknowledged copy to the custodian.
 - c. Suspension
 - d. Termination
- 10.6 The severity of the disciplined action may result in suspension or termination without following the order of the process listed above. Discipline involving termination/suspension must have approval of the Superintendent, or designee.
- 10.7 The Union retains the right to grieve such discipline under the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE XI
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- 11.1 A grievance is defined to be a claim by an employee or a group of employees that there has been a violation, or misinterpretation, of this contract. The purpose of this Grievance Procedure is to facilitate resolution of the problem at the lowest administrative level possible.
- 11.2 The term "days" when used in this article shall, except where otherwise indicated, mean school days except from the end of one school year to the beginning of the following school year when it shall be Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- 11.3 Any grievant may discuss the grievance with his/her immediate supervisor in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level. If as a result of the discussion, the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, the grievant may proceed to Step 1 of this procedure.
- 11.4 Any grievance must be filed on a grievance form, a copy of which is attached, within 7 (seven) calendar days of the time that the grievant first becomes aware or should have become aware of the grievable action.
- 11.5 A grievant may be represented at all stages of the Grievance Procedure by himself/herself in conjunction with the Union/Shop Steward as he/she chooses. When an employee is not represented by the Union, the Union shall be notified by the employee and the Superintendent or his/her designee, in writing, at the time the grievance is submitted to the Superintendent that the grievance is in process. The Union shall be notified by the Superintendent in advance of any hearing and shall have the right to be present and state its position if requested to do so by the individual or the Board. The Union shall receive a copy of all written decisions. Any resolution of a grievance shall not be inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.
- 11.6 Grievance Steps

Step 1: Administrative Supervisor

The grievant whose grievance has not been resolved by Step C shall within 10 (ten) working days submit his/her grievance in writing through the Union, to the Administrative Supervisor. Within 10 (ten) workdays of receipt of the written grievance, the Administrative Supervisor and the grievant, the Superintendent, or Designee, and a representative of the Union shall meet to resolve the grievance. The Administrative Supervisor shall answer in writing within 10 (ten) workdays after this meeting. The Administrative Supervisor shall, upon request to the Union, be entitled to an extension of 10 (ten) days if circumstances require further investigation. If the grievant is not satisfied with the resolution of the grievance, he/she may within 10 (ten) workdays go on the Step 2 of the Grievance Procedure.

Step 2: Superintendent

The grievant whose grievance has not been resolved by Step 1 shall within 10 (ten) working days submit his/her grievance in writing, through the union, to the Superintendent. Within 10 (ten) workdays of receipt of the written grievance, the Administrative Supervisor and the grievant, and a representative of the Union shall meet to resolve the grievance. The Administrative Supervisor shall answer in writing within 10 (ten) workdays after this meeting. The Administrative Supervisor shall, upon request to the Union, be entitled to an extension of 10 (ten) workdays if circumstances require further investigation. If the grievant is not satisfied with the resolution of the grievance, he/she may within 10 (ten) workdays go on to Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

Step 3: School Board

The grievant whose grievance has not been resolved by Step 2 shall within 10 (ten) workdays submit in writing his/her grievance, through the Union, to the School Board. Within 20 (twenty) workdays of receipt of the written grievance, the School Board, the Superintendent, the grievant, the Administrative Supervisor, and a representative from the Union shall meet to resolve the grievance. The School Board shall answer, in writing, within 10 (ten) workdays after this meeting.

- 11.7 It is understood that any employee grievant shall, during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect shall have been duly determined.
- 11.8 All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives, heretofore referred to in this article.
- 11.9 The Board shall assure that the parties in interest and witnesses are guaranteed freedom from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal with respect to the processing of a grievance. All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from personnel files and shall not be forwarded to a prospective employer.
- 11.10 It is agreed that time is of the essence under this Article, and if any time limit set forth in this Article is not complied with, the grievance will be automatically decided against the party who fails to comply with such time limits unless an extension of time is mutually agreed upon in writing prior to the expiration of such a time limit. Approval of requests for extension of time shall not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE XII
SMOKING POLICY

It is the policy of the district that no person shall be permitted to smoke on school grounds. School grounds include both inside the school buildings and the outside property belonging to the School District. This is in effect during school hours, employee work hours and during all school sponsored events and all public buildings within the School District.

ARTICLE XIII
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

Employees involved in motor vehicle accidents while on District business must report such accidents to their supervisor as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XIV
PERSONAL DATA

It is vital that the District be informed whenever an employee has a change of personal data. Changes such as marriage, divorce, additional dependents, new address, new telephone number or a new person to notify in case of an emergency should be reported to the SAU Office in writing.

ARTICLE XV
DEDUCTIONS

15.1 Credit Union

The District will provide a check-off for Credit Union deposits.

15.2 Union Dues

The District agrees to deduct from the pay of all Employees covered by the agreement, the regular dues, initiation fees, and general assessments and agrees to remit to said Local Union all such dues, provided that the Union delivers the District a written authorization, signed by the custodian, irrevocable for 1 (one) year or expiration of this Agreement, whichever shall occur sooner. The Union shall certify to the District each month, in writing, those who have authorized such deductions. The dues to be deducted each month and remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of Teamster Local No. 633 of New Hampshire, PO Box 870, Manchester, NH 03105. The District shall remit such deductions to the Local Union not later than the twentieth (20th) of the month.

15.3 Political Action Contributions

- a. The District agrees to deduct contributions to D.R.I.V.E from the wages of those employees who have voluntarily executed a form to authorize such deductions. Such forms shall be supplied by the Union.
- b. The District shall remit such deductions to the Local Union not later than the twentieth (20th) of the month.

15.4 Recovery Costs

Any bargaining unit employee who chooses not to join the Union shall pay recovery costs to the Union for the costs of collective bargaining and contract administration if allowable by law. No part of this service charge will be used for political donations. The Union agrees to defend and hold harmless the District should there be any dispute between an employee and the Union over the matter of recovery of cost deductions.

ARTICLE XVI
WAGES

16.1 Wages for Current Employees

**Proposed Wage Schedule Based on Years with Hopkinton School District
Employees hired prior to 4/19/2016**

2020-2021				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	n/a	20.67	20.87	21.09
Night Custodian	n/a	21.26	21.45	21.68
Day Custodian Supervisor	n/a	25.02	25.27	25.52
Night Custodian Supervisor	n/a	25.43	25.67	25.93

2021-2022				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	n/a	21.19	21.39	21.62
Night Custodian	n/a	21.79	21.99	22.22
Day Custodian Supervisor	n/a	25.65	25.90	26.16
Night Custodian Supervisor	n/a	26.07	26.31	26.58

2022-2023				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	n/a	21.83	22.03	22.27
Night Custodian	n/a	22.44	22.65	22.89
Day Custodian Supervisor	n/a	26.42	26.67	26.95

Night Custodian Supervisor	n/a	26.85	27.10	27.38
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2023-2024

Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	n/a	22.48	22.69	22.94
Night Custodian	n/a	23.12	23.33	23.57
Day Custodian Supervisor	n/a	27.21	27.48	27.75
Night Custodian Supervisor	n/a	27.65	27.91	28.20

2024-2025

Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	n/a	23.16	23.37	23.63
Night Custodian	n/a	23.81	24.03	24.28
Day Custodian Supervisor	n/a	28.02	28.30	28.59
Night Custodian Supervisor	n/a	28.48	28.75	29.05

Years related to Hopkinton School District not experience

If an incumbent Custodian applies for and is hired for the new “maintenance worker” position, that incumbent employee shall be paid \$1.55/hour more than that employee’s current hourly wage.

All Custodians shall be paid at the day Custodian rate when they work during days on professional development days, school vacation weeks and summer vacation weeks even if they are typically paid at a night custodian rate. However, if a night Custodian volunteers to substitute for a day Custodian at other times, that night Custodian shall still be paid his/her night rate.

16.2 Wages for Employees Hired After 4/19/2016 :

2020-2021				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	16.48	16.64	16.81	16.98
Night Custodian	17.31	17.48	17.65	17.83
Day Custodian Supervisor	20.33	20.53	20.74	20.94
Night Custodian Supervisor	21.15	21.36	21.57	21.79
Maintenance Worker	19.77	19.97	20.17	20.37

2021-2022				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	17.05	17.22	17.40	17.57
Night Custodian	17.91	18.09	18.27	18.45
Day Custodian Supervisor	21.04	21.25	21.46	21.68
Night Custodian Supervisor	21.89	22.10	22.33	22.55
Maintenance Worker	20.46	20.67	20.87	21.08

2022-2023				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	17.74	17.91	18.09	18.27
Night Custodian	18.63	18.81	19.00	19.19
Day Custodian Supervisor	21.88	22.10	22.32	22.54
Night Custodian Supervisor	22.76	22.99	23.22	23.45
Maintenance Worker	21.28	21.49	21.71	21.92

2023-2024				
Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	18.45	18.63	18.82	19.00
Night Custodian	19.37	19.57	19.76	19.96
Day Custodian Supervisor	22.76	22.98	23.21	23.45
Night Custodian Supervisor	23.67	23.91	24.15	24.39
Maintenance Worker	22.13	22.35	22.57	22.80

2024-2025

Position	0-3 years	4-6 years	7-9 years	10+
Day Custodian	19.18	19.38	19.57	19.76
Night Custodian	20.15	20.35	20.55	20.76
Day Custodian Supervisor	23.67	23.90	24.14	24.38
Night Custodian Supervisor	24.62	24.86	25.11	25.36
Maintenance Worker	23.02	23.25	23.48	23.71

16.3 Raises become effective on the anniversary date.

16.4 Probationary period will be 90 days unless otherwise modified by the Superintendent of Schools for previous experience.

16.5 Longevity Payments

Longevity payments will be paid in the payroll period following the anniversary date of hire. Part-time employees receive a pro-rated amount.

7-10 Years of Service	\$150
11-15 Years	\$250
16-20 Years	\$450
21 and Over	\$650

ARTICLE XVII
BENEFITS

17.1 Proration

All part-time employees as of the date of ratification of this agreement shall be entitled benefits as described in this Agreement, some of which are full benefits and some of which are pro-rated as described herein. Any part-time employee hired after the date of ratification of this agreement shall receive only pro-rated benefits or as required by law.

17.2 Health & Dental Insurance

Year 1

The District will contribute 100% of the premium for a plan corresponding to the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) single person, two-person, or family plan. Custodians who elect either the BC3T20(07) or AB5(07) will pay the difference between the premium on the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) plan and the option they select.

Year 2

The District will contribute 100% of the premium for a plan corresponding to the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) single person, two-person, or family plan. Custodians who elect either the BC3T20(07) or AB5(07) will pay the difference between the premium on the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) plan and the option they select.

Year 3

The District will contribute 98% of the premium for a plan corresponding to the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) single person, two-person, or family plan. Custodians who elect either the BC3T20(07) or AB5(07) will pay the difference between the premium on the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) plan and the option they select.

Year 4

The District will contribute 96% of the premium for a plan corresponding to the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) single person, two-person, or family plan. Custodians who elect either the BC3T20(07) or AB5(07) will pay the difference between the premium on the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) plan and the option they select.

Year 5

The District will contribute 94% of the premium for a plan corresponding to the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) single person, two-person, or family plan. Custodians who elect either the BC3T20(07) or AB5(07) will pay the difference between the premium on the ABSOS/20/40, IKDED(07) plan and the option they select.

- a. During the duration of this contract, the district will fund 50% of the deductible of the BC/BS Access Blue SOS 20 in an HRA account, for members choosing the BC/BS Access Blue SOS 20 option.

Employees who waive their right to health insurance will not have their coverage reinstated until the following July 1, except at their own expense and as permitted by the health insurance carrier. However, a custodian may be reinstated at District expense (less prorated unearned buyout amount) at the beginning of the month after reapplication if health insurance coverage provided by the custodian's spouse is involuntarily terminated. *Employees will receive 30% of the cost of a two-person or family plan if they waive their right to health insurance. This benefit will be paid in the first pay period following the start of the election, ie. first payroll in July or if a new employee the first payroll the benefit is effective. A form will be required to be completed annually with proof of proper coverage to get this benefit. Since the benefit amount changes, please see the open enrollment google drive for this information or contact the Business Office.*

In case both spouses are employed by the School District, the District shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of one premium of either the two-person or family medical insurance plan.

- b. Prescription drug co-payment plan available as part of all health insurance plan options:
 - i. \$10.00 Generic
 - ii. \$25.00 name brand / \$40.00 Premium brand
 - iii. \$10.00, \$40.00, or \$70.00 mail-in for a three month supply
- c. Plan registration/changes may only be made during the month of July of each year.
- d. Any proposals in actual coverage and/or carriers must be negotiated and agreed to between the District and the Teamsters Local 633 Business Agent.
- e. Dental Insurance. The District shall provide all bargaining unit members with a Dental Insurance plan. The District shall pay 100% of the costs of the Single, two- Person and Family plan. The Dental plan is outlined in Appendix I.

17.3 Life Insurance \$25,000

17.4 FICA In accordance with Federal Law.

17.5 Workers' Compensation Insurance/Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Hopkinton School District provides Workers Compensation benefits according to New Hampshire statutes. Employees will notify their supervisor immediately in case of a work related injury by completing the "Employer's First Report of Injury or Computational Disease" from the Department of Labor.

17.6 Retirement

All Employees who work 35 or more hours per week in accordance with State law.

17.7 Long Term Disability Insurance

- a. 66% of salary to a maximum of \$5,000 per month payments, continued to age 65. There is a ninety (90) calendar day elimination period.
- b. District payment of insurance benefits shall continue through the end of the month in which a custodian terminates employment with the District, or is placed on unpaid leave. A custodian shall have the right to remain on the District's group insurance plans at the group rate, at his/her own expense in accordance with State and Federal law.

17.8 Work Apparel

The District will provide an annual stipend of \$200 per employee for the purchase of work apparel as deemed appropriate by the District.

ARTICLE XVIII
RESERVATION TO VOTERS ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

The Board and employees agree to support mutually agreed to settlements before the voters of the District. However, any agreement reached herein which requires the expenditure of public funds for its implementation shall not be binding upon the Board, unless, and until, the necessary appropriations have been made by the voters. In the event the voters shall not approve the District Budget as proposed by the Board, the agreements herein shall be void, and the Board and the Union shall resume negotiations.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have hereunto set their names by their officer duly authorized.

DATE: July 27, 2020

Hopkinton School Board

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