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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
JORDAN-ELBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND THE
JORDAN-ELBRIDGE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS' ASSOCIATION

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**ARTICLE I: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JORDAN-ELDRIDGE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE JORDAN-ELDRIDGE
TRANSPORTATION WORKERS' ASSOCIATION**

The Jordan-Elbridge Board of Education recognizes the Jordan-Elbridge Transportation Workers' Association as the exclusive bargaining agent for members of the mechanic staff.

ARTICLE II: NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURE**A. Negotiations of Written Agreements**

Section 1: The employer shall enter into negotiations with each representative organization which has been recognized by the employer in accordance with procedures under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, within 30 days subsequent to the date of such recognition, or at such later date as may be mutually agreed upon between the employer and the representative organization, for the purpose of negotiating a written agreement in respect of the terms and conditions of employment of the employees of the unit represented by such organization and the settlement of their grievances.

Section 2: Every negotiated agreement resulting from negotiations held pursuant to Section 1 of these procedures shall be dated and signed by the employer, in the same manner as other contracts on behalf of the employer are executed and shall be signed for the representative organization by the authorized officers of such organization. The negotiated agreement shall specify the date on which such agreement shall take effect and the date when the same shall expire, provided, however, that the agreement may provide that the provisions thereof relating to the terms and conditions of employment for employees covered thereunder shall remain in full force and effect after the expiration date established in the agreement and until a new or different negotiated agreement has been entered into between the employer and the recognized employees organization representing the employees of the negotiating unit, but not for more than six months subsequent to the expiration date established in the negotiated agreement.

Section 3: Each negotiated agreement shall apply equally to all employees included within the negotiating unit and all benefits and obligations thereof shall extend to and bind each employee without regard to whether or not he/she is a member in good standing of any employee organization, provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to mean that the representative organization negotiating the agreement is required to furnish counsel or assistance to any individual employee who has filed a personal grievance, in the administration or prosecution of such grievance, nor shall any negotiated agreement require that any such employee be represented by counsel, or that he/she accept assistance from the representative organization.

Section 4: Each negotiated agreement may include any or all terms and conditions of employment with respect to the employees of the negotiating unit; and it may also include any procedures for the administration of grievances, provided that such procedures shall comply in all respects with the requirements of Article 16 of the General Municipal Law.

Section 5: Each negotiated agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the entire term specified in such agreement, not to exceed two years subsequent to the budget submission date next succeeding the effective date of such agreement, and no modification, alteration, or change in the provisions thereof shall be effective until or unless both the employer and the recognized employee organization representing the employees of the unit shall agree thereto in a written agreement made and executed in the same manner and to the same extent as the agreement to be so modified or changed was made and executed; provided, however, that nothing contained in these bylaws shall be construed to authorize the public officers or public employees of the school district to avoid, surrender, or delegate any duties or responsibilities imposed upon them by law nor to require any employee or employee organization to surrender any rights or privileges guaranteed to them by law.

Section 6: If the employer and the representative organization shall not have concluded an agreement at least 120 days prior to the end of the school district fiscal year, then either party shall request the Public Employees Relations Board to render such assistance as possible.

Section 7: Each negotiated agreement may provide for arbitration of any or all disputes arising between the employers and the representative organization in respect of the meaning or application of the terms and conditions of the agreement and to provide that such arbitration procedures must be pursued as a condition precedent to the commencing of any action by proceeding before the Public Employees Relations Board or in a court of competent jurisdiction for the construction of the negotiated agreement; provided, however, that nothing contained therein shall be construed to authorize such arbitrators to supply or delete provisions in such agreement.

B. Procedural Matters

1. In the event either party wishes to amend this agreement, notice must be given by December 1st during the final school year of life of this agreement. Failure of a party to comply with this deadline shall prohibit said party from proposing amendments to the contract for that year. Negotiations concerning such proposed amendments shall proceed in accordance with the procedures listed in Article II A., section 1-7. Amendments resulting from such negotiations shall take effect the following July 1.
2. It is agreed that all items to be negotiated shall be submitted as a package and exchanged at the first meeting of the negotiating teams by the authorized representatives of the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District and the Association.
3. It is further agreed that no single item to be negotiated will receive final agreement until the total package has been negotiated and is ready for final ratification by both parent bodies.

4. It is agreed that both parties shall exchange information and furnish each other, upon written request within a reasonable amount of time, fundamental information pertinent to the issue under consideration.
5. It is further agreed that the proceedings of negotiations prior to reaching agreement or impasse shall not be released for publication to the communication field unless such release has prior approval of both negotiating teams.
6. It is agreed that neither the Board of Education nor the Association will seek to amend any provision(s) of this agreement which result in any modification of this agreement prior to July 1, 2007.

C. Conformity to Law

1. Saving Clause

The terms of this contract shall not apply in any case where it is inconsistent with constitutional, statutory, or other legal provisions. If any provision of this agreement is found to be contrary to law by the Supreme Court of the United States, or by any court of competent jurisdiction from whose judgment or decree no appeal has been taken within the time provided for doing so, such provisions shall be modified forthwith by the parties hereto to the extent necessary to confirm thereto. In such case, all other provisions of this agreement shall remain in effect.

Under an amendment to the Taylor Law, passed in April 1969 by the Legislature, copies of Section 204-a must be furnished by June 1 (within 60 days after the effective date) to every public employee by the chief fiscal officer of each public employer.

A copy of the section also must be supplied to every new employee when he/she is hired. In addition, notice of this provision must be given by employee organizations to every member when written agreements come up for ratification, both in writing and verbally, at the ratification meeting.

C. Conformity to Law cont.

2. Taylor Law Clause: Section 204-a

- (a) Any written agreement between a public employer and an employee organization determining the terms and conditions of employment of public employees shall contain the following notice in type not smaller than the largest type used elsewhere in such agreement:

“IT IS AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO PERMIT ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY AMENDMENT OF LAW OR BY PROVIDING THE ADDITONAL FUNDS THEREFORE, SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE BODY HAS GIVEN APPROVAL.”

- (b) Every employee organization submitting such a written agreement to its members for ratification shall publish such notice, include such notice in the documents accompanying such submission and shall read it aloud at any membership meeting called to consider such ratification.
- (c) Within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act, a copy of this section shall be furnished by the chief fiscal officer of each public employer to each public employee. Each public employee employed thereafter shall, upon such employment, be furnished with a copy of the provisions of this section.

A. Individual Sick Leave

Employees will be allowed one day sick leave per month of service on account of personal illness without loss of pay. Their annual allotment will be credited to their sick leave record on the first day of the school year on which they begin work. If not used, these days may accumulate to 200 days of sick leave.

Temporary disabilities caused or contributed to by pregnancy, miscarriage, abortion, childbirth and recovery there from are, for all job-related purposes, temporary disabilities and will be treated as such under any health or temporary disability insurance or sick leave plan available in connection with employment practices involving matters such as duration of leave, the availability of extensions, the accrual of seniority and other benefits and privileges, reinstatement and payment under any health or temporary disability insurance or sick leave plan formal or informal shall be applied to pregnancy or childbirth on the same terms and conditions as they are applied to other temporary disabilities.

A doctor's certification may be required for any illness, sickness, or injury that require more than two consecutive days or time lost from the job. When requested, this certificate may be required before the employee is allowed to return to work.

B. Leave on Account of Sickness in Family

Employees will be allowed up to five days of absence per year without loss of pay on account of serious illness in the immediate family (immediate family being defined as: son or daughter, husband or wife, mother, father, sister, brother or person occupying the position of parent.) Days of absence for sickness in the immediate family shall be deductible from employee's accumulated days of sick leave.

C. Leave on Account of Death in Family

Employees will be allowed five (5) days of absence per year without loss of pay on account of death in the immediate family. Immediate family in this case being defined as husband, wife, mother, father, guardian, son, daughter, sister, brother, grandparent, grandchild, and in-laws in each of the above categories.

Employees will be allowed one day to attend the funeral for any of the members of the extended family. The extended family in this case being aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin and in-laws in each of the above categories.

Days of absence for death in the family shall not be deductible from employees accumulated days of sick leave.

D. Leave Allowable for Court Attendance

If an employee's presence is required for court service on a regular school day, the employee shall be excused for the period demanded by the court without loss of pay. These days of absence are not to be deducted from the employee's accumulated days of sick leave. Any compensation received for such Court service shall be paid to the school district. Expense allowances received in connection with court service shall not be construed as compensation.

Proof of the necessity of court service shall be furnished the Board of Education through the Superintendent.

Court service is defined as being subpoenaed, as a witness in a case where the person is not a party or serving Jury Duty.

E. Leave Allowable for Quarantine

There shall be no loss of pay for absence of an employee for reasons of quarantine not due to the employee's personal illness. The number of days allowed for quarantine absence shall be the extent of said quarantine and these days are not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave.

F. Personal Days

Two (2) days may be granted as personal business leave each year (not deductible from sick leave) at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools or the administrator in charge. Such leave is subject to the conditions contained herein:

1. This personal business leave is to be used for matters which cannot be scheduled outside of school hours.
2. Requests for personal business leave shall be made on forms provided for the purpose and which shall be available in the transportation office. Except in an emergency situation, requests for personal business leave shall be made at least five (5) days in advance of the leave.
3. It is understood that this days will not be used for extending a vacation or holiday period; that is, the employee must work the day preceding and the day following the vacation or holiday period.
4. Personal business leave is leave which shall be available to staff. It is intended to be used for the conduct of personal business which cannot be conducted outside or normal school hours.
5. At the end of each school year, any unused personal days shall be added to the employee's cumulative sick leave total.

G. Leave Allowable on Account of Injury in the Performance of Duty

Absence due to injury incurred in the performance of duty shall be allowed as follows:

- a. During the first year of service, absence shall be allowed up to one month. If workmen's compensation applies, the school district will receive benefits while continuing to pay salary of employee for one month. Thereafter, the employee will receive only workmen's compensation benefits.
- b. After more than one year of service, absence shall be allowed up to six months. If workmen's compensation applies, the school district will receive benefits while continuing to pay salary of the employee for six months. Thereafter, the employee will receive only workmen's compensation benefits.
- c. These days of absence are not to be deducted from the employee's accumulated days of sick leave.
- d. This leave will only apply if an employee is eligible for workmen's compensation and the school district will actually receive the workmen's compensation benefit.

H. Leave Allowable for Attendance by Employees at Conferences, Meetings, etc.

On the approval of the Superintendent, staff members may be allowed leave to attend one-day conferences, meetings and "visiting days" without loss of pay. Requests must be approved by the Supervisor of Transportation. Such day of absence is not deductible from the employee's accumulated days of sick leave. For conferences in excess of one school day, written request must be made to the Board of Education. The request must have the approval of the Supervisor of Transportation and the Superintendent before submission to the Board of Education. Requests should be made at least one month in advance of the requested absence.

A. Parental Leave

An employee requesting parental leave shall notify the Superintendent in writing as soon as the decision to make this request has been made. The letter shall include the length of leave being sought as well as the probable date of its commencement.

The parental leave will be granted for not more than the balance of the school year in which the employee starts this leave, plus any part of an additional school year. Reasonable notice will be given by the employee of the date of intended return.

It is understood that staff members shall not be excluded from employment because of pregnancy; the district will not establish an arbitrary date for termination of parental leave; and the district will permit a pregnant employee to continue working as long as physically able to perform the duties of the position.

B. Leave Allowable for Military Service

Civil Service Employees

Under Section 242-243 of the Military Law, Civil Service employees ordered into active military service, without their consent, or volunteering, are entitled to military leaves of absence for the duration of such military duty. An employee on such a leave is entitled to reinstatement to the position provided application for such reinstatement is made within ninety (90) days after the termination of military duty. Reinstatement will be at the discretion of the Board following a request for such reinstatement within one year after the termination of military duty.

Under Military Law, Section 243, all employees of school districts (whether serving on probation or tenure or under a contract) are entitled to leaves of absence while engaged in the performance of military duty and must be reinstated after the termination of such military duty, provided application is made for reinstatement within ninety (90) days after termination of such military duty or any time during termination leave. Such employee may also be reinstated within one year at the discretion of the Board of Education.

Section 243 of the Military Law now defines the term "military duty" to exclude voluntary service in excess of four years performed after July 1, 1965; or the total of any voluntary service, additional or otherwise, in excess of four years performed after that day, except where such voluntary service is performed during a period of war or national emergency declared by the President.

B. Leave Allowable for Military Service cont.

Employees absent on military duty are also entitled to participate in the retirement system by personally paying the amount which they would have contributed to the retirement system had their employment been continuous. Such payments may be made any time while in military service or within five years after the employee has returned to his/her position.

Upon termination of the military service and reinstatement in the position as above stated, the employee is entitled to the same rate of salary and rights and privileges with reference to promotion, transfer, reinstatement or continuance in office, as would have been enjoyed had continuous employment been in effect. An employee who enters military service while on probation is entitled to credit for the period of military service as satisfactory probationary service. At the end of the probationary service, however, this does not have the effect of placing the employee on tenure.

If the position occupied by a public employee is abolished prior to the termination of military duty, the employee's name will be placed on a preferred eligible list and be appointed to the first vacancy in the same or a similar position in the school district.

As above indicated, the law does not provide for the mandatory payment of any salary during the period of absence for persons inducted into the armed forces under the selective service law. Such persons are entitled, however, to all the other benefits enumerated above. (Law Pamphlet II - State Education Department).

Members of Organized Militia or Reserve Force

Any employee of a school district who is a member of an organized militia or reserve force is entitled to a leave for the duration of ordered military duty. The employee is also entitled to receive salary for a period of up to (30) days. (Military Law, Section 242).

ARTICLE V: EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

In the event an evaluation sheet is filled out on an employee by his/her supervisor, it is to be reviewed at a conference and signed by both the employee and the supervisor.

Should the staff member fail to participate in the conference, it shall be noted on the written report. Employees not in agreement with the evaluation may state their objections in writing, date and sign the sheet on which the objections are recorded, and that sheet will be attached and remain with the evaluation.

In the event of promotional openings, vacancies and possible transfer positions during the school year, the Superintendent shall notify all members of the staff.

ARTICLE VII: HEALTH INSURANCE

A. Health Insurance

The Board of Education agrees to assume the total cost (100%) of a Health Insurance Program with benefits equal to or exceeding the State Health Insurance Program, as it existed September 1, 1981, for all employees of the staff and 85% of dependent costs. In addition, in accordance with State regulations, the Board of Education will continue to pay the full costs of this plan for former employees legally retired from the Jordan Elbridge Central School District.

The health insurance program shall be the same as the plan provided to the teaching employees of the district. If the district's premium contribution is changed for other groups, the percentage for this group would be adjusted accordingly.

Effective January 1, 2006, unit members shall contribute two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) per school year toward the individual health care insurance premium. In addition, in accordance with State regulations, the Board of Education will continue to pay 100% of the premiums for individual coverage and 85% of the premiums for dependent coverage of this plan for former employees legally retired from the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District.

SECTION 1

- 1.1 In order to be eligible for health insurance upon retirement, the employee must have been employed in the negotiating unit on a continuous basis for ten (10) years or more immediately preceding the effective date of retirement and have participated in the health insurance program as a member of the negotiating unit on a continuous basis for one (1) year or more immediately preceding the effective date of retirement.
- 1.2 Effective July 1, 1994, eligible employees employed on a part-time basis or less than full time shall receive insurance benefits on the basis provided in the agreement on a pro-rated basis.

B. Dental Insurance

Beginning July 1, 1992, the Board of Education agrees to contribute up to \$130.00 per participating employee toward the cost of a dental health insurance program. The program offered the Jordan-Elbridge Transportation Workers' Association will be the same program adopted by the Jordan-Elbridge Teachers' Association.

C. Vision Insurance

Effective January 1, 2006, the District shall contribute one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per school year for each unit member to a vision care plan. The vision care plan does not continue in retirement.

ARTICLE VIII: VACATIONS AND HOLIDAYS

A. Vacations

Vacations should be taken between July 1 and August 15. However, up to two weeks of vacation may be taken at any time during the school year with the approval of the Supervisor of Transportation. The Supervisor should notify the Superintendent by May 1 of vacation schedules of their assigned building employees. Vacation entitlements are as follows:

Completed 1-4 years	2 weeks (10 work days)
5-7 years	2 weeks + 2 days (12 work days)
8-15 years	3 weeks + 2 days (17 work days)
Over 15 years	4 weeks (20 work days)

With the approval of the Superintendent, each unit member may carry over up to five (5) days of unused vacation from one fiscal year to another at the end of the fiscal year.

B. Holidays

See Appendix B

A. Salaries 2005-2007

See Appendix A

B. Local Retirement Benefit

When a member of the staff with a minimum of 15 years of service in this District officially retires under the New York State Employees' Retirement System, a retirement allowance will be paid in accordance with the following formula:

Subtract the first 50 days from the maximum of 200 accumulated sick leave days; the remaining days multiplied by \$18.00 will be granted. The maximum allowance under this section for any one member of the staff shall be \$2,700.00. Payment will be included in the last paycheck.

C. Longevity

Transportation workers who have served the District in the capacity for 10 continuous years will receive an additional \$125.00 beginning with their 11th year.

Transportation workers who have served the District in the capacity for 15 continuous years will receive an additional \$150.00 beginning with their 16th year for a total longevity payment of \$275.00.

The total longevity amount will be included in the last regular paycheck of the school year.

ARTICLE X: TOOL ALLOTMENT

Each mechanic will have available the sum of \$200.00 per year for the purchase of specialty tools and the replacement of personal hand tools used in the performance of their daily maintenance tasks.

Such tools to be purchased by the district must have the approval of the Supervisor of Transportation.

Each mechanic will supply a written inventory of personal tools to the transportation manager and school business office by August 1st of each year.

This Agreement shall become effective upon its approval by a majority of the Jordan-Elbridge Transportation Workers' Association and a majority of the Jordan-Elbridge Board Members and shall be binding and in full force and effect from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007.

In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this _____ day of _____, 2006.

**Jordan-Elbridge Central
School District**

**Jordan-Elbridge Transportation
Workers' Association**

By _____
Superintendent

By _____
Chairperson, Neg. Committee

By _____
Chairperson, Neg. Committee

**APPENDIX A (SALARY) TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JORDAN-
ELBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE JORDAN-
ELBRIDGE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS' ASSOCIATION**

1. Salary 2005-2006

Each returning member of the unit will receive \$1,400.00 over their 2004-2005 base salary prorated for the actual full-time equivalent of the position.

2. Salary 2006-2007

Each returning member of the unit will receive \$1,400.00 over their 2005-2006 base salary prorated for the actual full-time equivalent of the position.

(The position of Head Mechanic will be removed from the group when it is reclassified by Civil Service.)

APPENDIX B (HOLIDAYS) TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE JORDAN-ELBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE JORDAN-ELBRIDGE TRANSPORTATION WORKERS' AGREEMENT

If school is not in session, employees shall be entitled to the following holidays: (If school is in session, employees are expected to work.)

1. **Holidays**

Labor Day	1	Martin Luther King Day	1
Columbus Day	1	Washington's Birthday	1
Veteran's Day	1	Easter	1
Thanksgiving	2	*Memorial Day	1
Christmas/New Year's	4	*July 4 th	1

*In addition, when Memorial Day or July 4th fall on a Tuesday or Thursday, the employees shall be entitled to the preceding Monday or the following Friday, as the case may be, providing school is not in session.

In addition to the above holidays, each employee shall be entitled to one additional holiday to be taken between January 2 and April 30, and one additional holiday to be taken during the Easter or Spring Vacation period (whichever is applicable to the school calendar of a specific year). These two (2) holidays will be determined by the Superintendent.

Should emergency closing days not be utilized as such by May 1, the District will revise the School Calendar by applying one (1) additional day to the Memorial Day holiday.