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CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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It is hereby agreed by and between the Board of Education of the Bentley Community Schools (hereinafter "Board") and Christopher L. Arrington hereinafter "Administrator" pursuant to Section 1229(1) of the Revised School Code, the Board in accordance with its action found in the minutes of its meeting held on the 25th day of July, 2016, has and does hereby employ the said Administrator for a period commencing on August 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2019, according to the terms and conditions as described and set forth herein as follows.

1. Administrator shall perform the duties of the Superintendent as prescribed by the Board and as may be established, modified and/or amended from time to time by the Board. Administrator acknowledges the ultimate authority of the Board with respect to her responsibilities and directives related thereto.
2. Administrator represents that she possesses, holds and will maintain all certificates, credentials and qualifications required by law, including the regulations of the Department of Education, and those required by the Board to serve in the position assigned. Additionally, Administrator agrees, as a condition of her continued employment, to meet all continuing education requirements for the position assigned, as are and may be required by law and/or by the State Board of Education. If at any time Administrator fails to maintain all certificates, credentials, continuing education requirement and/or qualifications for the position assigned as required herein, this Contract shall automatically terminate and the Board shall have no further obligation hereunder.
3. Administrator agrees to devote her talents, skills, efforts and abilities toward competently and proficiently fulfilling all duties and responsibilities of the position assigned. Administrator agrees to faithfully perform those duties assigned by the Board and to comply with the directives of the Board with respect thereto. Further, Administrator agrees to comply with and fulfill all responsibilities and tasks required by state and federal law and administrative rules and regulations and by the Board to carry out the educational programs and policies of the School District during the entire term of this Contract. Administrator agrees to devote substantially all of her business time, attention and services to the diligent, faithful and competent discharge of her duties on behalf of the School District to enhance the operation of the School District and agrees to use her best efforts to maintain and improve the quality of the programs and services of the School District.

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4. Administrator shall be paid at an annual (twelve month) salary rate of not less than One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) (prorated accordingly in first year of contract) in consideration of her performance of the duties and responsibilities of the position assigned in conformance with the requirements and expectations of the Board.

Administrator is subject to assignment and transfer to another administrative position of employment in the Bentley Community Schools (the "School District") at the discretion of the Board in accordance with Section 1229(1) of the Revised School Code.

The annual salary shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal biweekly installments beginning with the commencement of the fiscal/contract year (July 1 – June 30).

The Board hereby retains the right to increase the annual salary of Administrator during the term of this Contract in accordance with Section 1250 of the Revised School Code. Any increase in salary made during the term of this Contract shall be in the form of a written amendment and when executed by Administrator and the Board, shall become a part of this Contract.

5. Administrator is employed on the basis of fifty-two (52) weeks of work per contract/fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as scheduled by the Board. Administrator shall be granted vacation time of twenty (20) days per fiscal year.

Vacation days should be used within the fiscal year in which they are first made available. Administrator shall provide advance notice to the Board President if the Administrator plans to take two or more consecutive vacation days. Vacation days are subject to the approval of the Board President. Days used as vacation shall be reported within two (2) weeks of when time has been used to the payroll department.

6. Administrator's performance shall be evaluated by the Board not less than annually, not later than June 30. Such evaluation shall be based upon Administrator's performance as well as her accomplishment of performance goals and objectives. Those goals and objectives will be developed by the Board, in consultation with the Superintendent, not later than September 30 annually.
7. The Board shall be entitled to terminate the Administrator's employment at any time during the term of this Contract when it determines that Administrator has engaged in acts of moral turpitude, misconduct, dishonesty, fraud, insubordination, incompetency, inefficiency, theft, breach of confidentiality, unauthorized use of School District Property, use or being under the influence of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances on School District property or at a School sponsored event, unauthorized possession of a dangerous weapon on School District property or at a School District sponsored event, conviction of a crime (misdemeanor or felony), if the majority of the Board of Education loses confidence in the Administrator, if Administrator materially

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breaches the terms and conditions of this Contract, or for other causes found to be sufficient by the Board.

The foregoing standards for termination of this Contract during its term shall not be applicable to non-renewal of this Contract at the expiration of its term, which decision is discretionary with the Board.

In the event that the Board undertakes to dismiss Administrator during the term of this Contract, she shall be entitled to written notice of charges and an opportunity for a hearing before the Board. No discharge during the term of this Contract shall be effective until written charges have been served upon Administrator not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing before the Board. Said hearing shall be public or private at the option of Administrator. At such hearing, Administrator may have legal counsel at her own expense. In the event of termination of employment during the term of this Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate and the Board shall have no further obligation hereunder.

8. In the event of Administrator's mental and/or physical incapacity to perform the duties of her office, she shall be granted an initial leave of ninety (90) work days for purpose of recovery. The Administrator shall first exhaust any accumulated sick leave and accrued vacation time, with the balance of the ninety (90) work day period to be unpaid. Health plan premium payments shall be made on behalf of Administrator during this interval to the extent required by law. Upon utilizing leave under this provision, Administrator shall furnish medical certification to the Board (or its designee) respecting the necessity for the leave.

If the Board (or designee) has reason to doubt the validity of the medical certification supplied by Administrator, it may require a second opinion, at Board expense.

Administrator may request a ninety (90) work day unpaid leave extension in the event of her physical and/or mental inability to return to work at the expiration of the initial leave interval, as described above, provided that there is a verified prognosis that Administrator will be able to resume her duties at the conclusion of the extended leave interval. Medical certification shall be supplied by Administrator as a condition to any leave extension. Any extensions of leave for this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Board.

If Administrator is unable to or does not resume work at the conclusion of a leave taken under this paragraph (or any extension thereof), her employment and this Contract may be terminated at the option of the Board. However, no such termination shall occur where restoration after leave is required by the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Prior to resumption of duty after an unpaid leave of absence for a serious health condition, Administrator shall provide to the Board a fitness for duty certification from Administrator's health care provider. A second opinion may be required by the Board, at

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its expense, unless the securing of the second opinion in this context is precluded by the Family Medical Leave Act.

9. Administrator agrees that she shall not be deemed to be granted continuing tenure in the position initially assigned or to which she may be assigned or transferred or in any capacity other than that of a classroom teacher, should the probationary period required for tenure as a teacher be fulfilled, by virtue of this Contract or any employment assignment (requiring certification) with the School District. Nor shall the decision of the Board not to continue or renew the employment of Administrator for any subsequent period in any capacity, other than as a classroom teacher, as may be required by the Teachers' Tenure Act, be deemed a breach of this Agreement or a discharge or demotion within the provisions of the Michigan Teachers' Tenure Act.
10. Administrator shall submit to such medical examinations, supply such information and execute such documents as may be required by any underwriter, policyholder or third party administrator providing insurance programs specified under this Contract. Additionally, upon the request of the Board, Administrator shall authorize the release of medical information necessary to determine if Administrator is capable of performing the essential job functions required by her assignment, with or without reasonable job accommodation(s). Any physical or mental examination or disclosure of such information required of Administrator by the Board shall be job related and consistent with business necessity. Any medical or psychological examination under this section shall be at Board expense. Any information obtained from medical or psychological examinations or inquiries shall be considered and treated as confidential.
11. Upon proper application and acceptance for enrollment by the appropriate insurance underwriter, policyholder and/or third party administrator, the Board shall make premium payments on behalf of Administrator and her eligible dependents for the following insurance programs:
 - A. Health Insurance: MESSA Choices II
 - B. Dental Insurance: 80/80/80/50 with adult orthodontic rider with \$1,500 per year maximum on Class I, Class II, Class III benefits and a \$1,300 lifetime benefit on Class IV benefits. If a spouse is covered by other employer-paid dental benefits, the foregoing specifications shall be 50/50/50/50.
 - C. Term Life Insurance: The School District currently contracts for term life coverage for its administrators in the amount of \$230,000. The School District will attempt to maintain that level of coverage for the term of this Contract. However, it is understood that the terms of any contract or policy issued by any insurance company or third-party administrator shall be controlling as to all matters concerning benefits, eligibility, coverage, termination of coverage and other related matters. Administrator is responsible for assuring completion of all forms and documents needed to receive the above-described insurance coverage.

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D. Vision Insurance: VSP-3.

E. Long Term Disability Insurance: 66 2/3% of monthly salary with a cap amount set per the insurance carrier. There is a 30-calendar day waiting period.

The Administrator will pay twenty percent (20%) of the cost of the premium for health care. However, should the Board determine to impose the 'hard cap' on insurance premium payments and contributions as permitted by Section 3 of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, 2011 P.A. 152, the Administrator will be required to pay the requisite premium amount. During the length of this Agreement if the Teachers (MEA) receives a contract where they pay less on their Health Care Premiums then the Administrator will have their premium contribution changed to match that amount of the Board approved contract for the teachers unit.

(OR)

MESSA PAK B to include:

A. Delta Dental: 80/80/80/50 with adult orthodontic rider with \$1,500 per year maximum on Class I, Class II, Class III benefits and a \$1,300 lifetime benefit on Class IV benefits. If a spouse is covered by other employer-paid dental benefits, the foregoing specifications shall be 50/50/50/50.

B. VSP-3 Vision Insurance

C. Term Life Insurance: The School District currently contracts for term life coverage for its administrators in the amount of \$230,000. The School District will attempt to maintain that level of coverage for the term of this Contract. However, it is understood that the terms of any contract or policy issued by any insurance company or third-party administrator shall be controlling as to all matters concerning benefits, eligibility, coverage, termination of coverage and other related matters. Administrator is responsible for assuring completion of all forms and documents needed to receive the above-described insurance coverage.

D. Long Term Disability Insurance: 66 2/3% of monthly salary with a cap amount set per the insurance carrier. There is a 30-calendar day waiting period.

*Administrator electing PAK B shall receive Four-Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) cash in lieu of health insurance per month.

12. The Board reserves the right to change the identity of the insurance carrier, policyholder or third party administrator for any of the above coverages, provided that comparable coverage, as determined by the Board, is maintained during the term of this Agreement. The Board shall not be required to remit premiums for any insurance coverages for

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Administrator and her eligible dependents if enrollment or coverage is denied by the insurance underwriter, policyholder or third-party administrator. The terms of any contract or policy issued by any insurance company or third-party administrator shall be controlling as to all matters concerning benefits, eligibility, coverage, termination of coverage, and other related matters. Administrator is responsible for assuring completion of all forms and documents needed to receive the above-described insurance coverage. The Board, by remitting the premium payments required to provide the above-described insurance coverage(s), shall be relieved from all liability with respect to insurance benefits.

13. Administrator is entitled to the following holidays for which no service to the School District is required:

Good Friday	The Day After Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas Eve
July 4 th	Christmas Day
Labor Day	New Years Eve
Thanksgiving	New Years Day

If the holiday falls on a Sunday, then the employee shall receive the following Monday off. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, then the employee shall receive the preceding Friday off. Administrator will also receive the benefit of one unscheduled week of work between the Christmas and New Year Holiday.

14. If Administrator is absent from duty on account of personal illness or disability, she shall be allowed full pay for a total of ten (10) days per contract year. Unused paid leave days hereunder shall be cumulative to a maximum of twenty (20) days for absence due to personal illness or disability of Administrator. Administrator is entitled to sick payout for unused days; this payment will be made the last pay in June of each fiscal year.

Days used as sick time shall be reported within two (2) weeks of when time has been used to the payroll department.

15. Administrator shall be eligible to be reimbursed for travel, meals and lodging in accordance with per diem expense and reimbursement standards and procedures established by the Board. Any expense to be incurred by Administrator for out-of-district travel shall be submitted in advance for review and approval by the Board. Administrator shall be required to present an itemized account of her reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with direction of the Board.
16. The Board shall pay the membership dues for Administrator in the American Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Administrators.

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17. The Board will provide a payment of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per year, which may be used toward an annuity or other type of retirement investment portfolio. The annuity payment will occur on the first pay in July of each year.
18. This Contract contains the entire agreement and understanding by and between the Board and Administrator with respect to the employment of Administrator and no representations, promises, contracts or understandings, written or oral, not contained herein, shall be of any force or effect. All prior agreements pertaining to, connected with, or arising in any manner out of the employment of Administrator by the Board, are hereby terminated and shall hereafter be of no force or effect whatsoever. Provided, that this contract is voidable pursuant to the provisions of the Revised School Code pertaining to criminal records checks.

No amendment to or modification of this Contract shall be valid or binding unless it is in writing, approved by official action of the Board reflected in its minutes, and signed by Administrator and the President and Secretary of the Board. No valid waiver of any provision of this Contract, at any time, shall be deemed a waiver of any other provision of this Contract at such time or at any other time.

19. In the event of any dispute between the parties relating to discharge of Administrator during the term of this Contract, the parties hereby agree to submit such to binding arbitration. Selection of the arbitrator and the arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes of, and administered by, the American Arbitration Association. Arbitration under this provision shall be conducted pursuant to the terms of the Michigan Arbitration Act. MCLA 600.5001 *et seq* and MCR 3.602.

The parties intend that this process of dispute resolution shall be inclusive of all contract and statutory claims advanced by Administrator arising from Administrator's discharge during the term of this Contract, including (but not limited to) claims of unlawful discrimination and all claims for damages or other relief. However, this agreement to arbitrate does not restrict Administrator from filing a claim or charge with any state or federal agency (such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights), and does not apply to any claims for unemployment compensation or workers' compensation which may be brought by Administrator. Instead, this agreement to arbitrate claims applies to those matters which would otherwise be subject to state or federal court proceedings.

This agreement to arbitrate means that Administrator is waiving her right to adjudicate discrimination claims in a judicial forum and is instead opting to arbitrate those claims. In any such arbitration proceeding, Administrator shall have the right to representation by counsel of her choice, the right to appointment of a neutral arbitrator, the right to reasonable discovery and the right to a fair hearing. However, Administrator, through this agreement to arbitrate such claims, does not waive any statutory rights or remedies in the context of such arbitration proceedings.

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The arbitrator's fee and the costs imposed by the American Arbitration Association shall be shared equally by the Board and Administrator, subject to the right of Administrator to seek to tax such fees as costs against the Board.

Any claim for arbitration under this provision must be filed with the American Arbitration Association, in writing, and served on the Board within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of Administrator's discharge during the term of this Contract. The Decision and Award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and judgment thereon may be entered in the Circuit Court for the 7th Judicial Circuit of Michigan (Genesee County).

- 20. If any provision of this Agreement becomes or is declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable or void, this Contract shall continue in full force and effect without said provision(s).
- 21. Administrator agrees that any claim or suit arising out of Administrator's employment with the Board must be filed no more than six (6) months after the date of the employment action that is the subject of the claim or suit. Administrator understands that the statute of limitations for claims arising out of an employment action may be longer than six (6) months, but agrees to be bound by the six (6) month period of limitation set forth herein and waives any statute of limitations to the contrary. Should a Court of competent jurisdiction determine that this provision allows an unreasonably short period of time to commence a lawsuit, it is the intent of the parties that the Court enforce this provision to the extent possible and declare the lawsuit barred unless it was brought within the minimum reasonable time within which the suit should have been commenced.
- 22. This Agreement is executed on behalf of the Bentley Community Schools pursuant to the authority granted as contained in the resolution of the Board adopted on _____, the same being incorporated herein by reference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

Date: 7-16-16

By: *Christopher Lee Arington*
ADMINISTRATOR

**BENTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Date: 7/16/16

By: *Elaine Beckler*
President of the Board of Education