

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Superintendent

It is hereby agreed by and between the Board of Education of the Laingsburg Community Schools (hereinafter “Board”) and Matthew Shastal (hereinafter “Administrator”) that 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 16th day of July 2025, has and does hereby employ the said Matthew Shastal for a five (5) year period, annually renewable, commencing on October 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2030, according to the terms and conditions as described and set forth herein as follows:

1. Administrator shall perform the duties of 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 his responsibilities and directions related thereto. Administrator is subject to assignment and transfer to another administrative position of employment in the School District at the discretion of the Board.

2. Administrator represents that he 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 his 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 requirements and/or qualifications for the position assigned as required herein, this Contract shall automatically terminate and the Board shall have no further obligation hereunder.

The Board will provide tuition reimbursement for Administrator with Board approval. Said reimbursement shall be for the purpose of obtaining required occupational certifications and may include obtaining an advanced degree ie. Ed.D. or Ph.D.

3. Administrator agrees to devote his 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 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 his business time, attention and services to the diligent, faithful and competent discharge of his duties on behalf of the School District to enhance the operation of the School District and agrees to use his best efforts to maintain and improve the quality of the programs and services of the School District.

4. Compensation

Base Salary: Effective October 1, 2025, the Administrator shall be paid at an annual (twelve month) base salary rate of not less than One Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$153,831) in consideration of his performance of the duties and responsibilities of the position assigned in conformance with the requirements and expectations of

the Board. The base salary rate will increase 3% each year of the contract thereafter as reflected in the base salary schedule below:

October 1, 2025:	\$153,831
October 1, 2026:	\$158,446
October 1, 2027:	\$163,199
October 1, 2028:	\$168,095
October 1, 2029:	\$173,138

Stipend for Additional Duties and Responsibilities: As part of the Administrators' remuneration for service under this contract, the Board agrees to pay the Administrator five percent (5%) of the base salary for the additional duties and responsibilities assigned to oversee all Federal Programs in the district and to serve as the District Technology Director. The stipend is payable in the first pay in October annually.

Monthly Annuity: As part of the Administrator's remuneration for service under this Contract, the Board will contribute the amount of \$1300 per month to a 403(b) non-elective tax deferred annuity selected by Administrator from those annuities made available through the Board or through a third-party administrator that the Board has designated for purposes of 403(b) compliance. The Board will increase the total annual contribution by \$1500 each year of the contract thereafter as reflected in the schedule below:

October 1, 2025:	\$1300/month
October 1, 2026:	\$1425/month
October 1, 2027:	\$1550/month
October 1, 2028:	\$1675/month
October 1, 2029:	\$1800/month

Longevity Compensation: In recognition of time served as Superintendent in the District, the Board will pay one percent (1%) of the base salary for every year of Superintendent experience at Laingsburg Community Schools as part of the Administrator's remuneration for service under this Contract. Longevity payment is payable in the first pay in December annually.

Total Annual Salary Schedule:

Contract Year	Base Salary	Stipend	Annuity 403(b)	Longevity Factor	Total Annual Salary
October 2025	\$153,831	\$7,691.55	\$1300/month	.14	\$198,658.75
October 2026	\$158,446	\$7,922.30	\$1425/month	.15	\$207,235.20
October 2027	\$163,199	\$8,159.95	\$1550/month	.16	\$216,070.79
October 2028	\$168,095	\$8,404.75	\$1675/month	.17	\$225,175.90
October 2029	\$173,138	\$8,656.90	\$1800/month	.18	\$234,559.74

The annual base salary shall be paid in equal bi-weekly installments beginning with the commencement of the contract year (October 1-September 30). The Board hereby retains the right to increase the total annual salary of Administrator during the term of this Contract. Any increase in the total annual 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.

It is the intent of the parties that everything included as compensation in this Contract including annual increases, shall be included in compensation for ORS purposes. In the event the State of Michigan or any of its political subdivisions or agencies challenge any of the remuneration identified in this Contract for inclusion in the Administrator's compensation for ORS purposes, the District shall work with the Administrator to appeal the challenge. Should the State of Michigan, its political subdivisions or agencies, challenge any portion of the items identified as salary in this Contract as eligible to be included in the final average compensation for retirement purposes, the School District shall appeal the challenge up to and including the Michigan Court of Appeals.

5. Administrator is employed on the basis of fifty-two (52) weeks of work per contract year (October 1 through September 30) as scheduled by the Board. Administrator shall be granted vacation time of twenty-five (25) days per contract year. Up to ten (10) vacation days may be carried over from one contract year to the next. However, at no time shall Administrator's total accrued and accumulated vacation exceed thirty-five (35) days.

Administrator shall not receive any additional compensation in lieu of use of vacation days. Administrator shall schedule use of vacation days in a manner to minimize interference with the orderly operation and conduct of business of the School District. All scheduling of vacation is subject to the approval of the Board.

6. Administrator's performance shall be evaluated by the Board annually or biennially in alignment with MCL 380.1249b(lj) using an evaluation tool that is mutually agreed to, but not later than December 31 during an evaluation year. It should be the responsibility of the Administrator to schedule the completion of the evaluation process with the Board not later than November 15 annually or biennially. If the Administrator receives an effective evaluation (or better) for three years in a row, he will receive a biennial evaluation in alignment with state law.

Administrator shall be evaluated in accordance with the Revised School Code, Act 451 of 1976, as amended. The Administrator may appeal the evaluation process and rating received to the Board of Education. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Board President within 30 calendar days after the Superintendent is informed of the rating. Within 15 days after the appeal is submitted, the Board of Education shall provide the Administrator with written notice that a hearing shall be scheduled, in closed or open session at the election of the Administrator, to consider the appeal and for the Administrator to present witnesses, information and evidence. The hearing shall be scheduled for a date mutually acceptable to the Board and Administrator within 45 days after the appeal is submitted, unless extended by mutual agreement. The Administrator may be represented by counsel at the hearing at their own expense. If the hearing does not resolve the matter, the Administrator may request binding arbitration by filing a demand for arbitration with the American Arbitration Association within 30 calendar days after the hearing, or within 45 days after the appeal if no hearing is held. The arbitration is subject to the Michigan Uniform Arbitration Act, MCL 691.1681, et seq., as amended. The arbitrator shall be selected through the procedures of the American Arbitration Association, Employment Arbitration Rules. The arbitrator shall have authority to issue any appropriate remedy, and the decision of the arbitrator shall be enforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction.

7. The decision whether or not to renew or extend this contract is solely within the discretion of the Board of Education. The Administrator acknowledges that they have no expectation of employment beyond the expiration date established in this contract. However, in the event the Board of Education shall decide not to renew the contract it should be for "good and just cause reasons" but not for "arbitrary and capricious reasons" and a hearing provided if requested by the Administrator. Prior written notice shall be given to the Administrator not less

than 90 days prior to its renewal date of October 1, 2026 if the contract is not to be renewed by the Board of Education. In the absence of notice for non-renewal and provided that the Administrator receives an effective rating (or better), or if the Board of Education fails to evaluate the Administrator within the contract time frame, the contract is automatically extended by one year as to maintain a continuous five-year agreement. During years when the Administrator is not evaluated in alignment with state law MCL 380.1249b(lj) the automatic renewal provision would occur as described above unless the Board of Education provided proper written notification that the contract would not be extended by one year not less than 90 days prior to its renewal date.

The Board is entitled to terminate the Administrator's employment at any time for good and just cause during the term of this Contract. In the event that the Board undertakes to dismiss Administrator during the term of this Contract, he shall be entitled to written notice of charges and an opportunity for a hearing before the Board. If the contract is terminated prematurely, the Administrator shall be paid the entire total compensation (base salary, merit pay, annuity, longevity pay) for the remaining days/years of the contract unless the termination was for just cause.

8. In the event of Administrator's mental and/or physical incapacity to perform the duties of his office, he 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 his 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 his 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), his 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 medical opinion may be required by the Board, at its expense, unless the securing of the second opinion in this context is precluded by the Family and Medical Leave Act.

9. Administrator agrees that he shall not be deemed to be granted continuing tenure in the position initially assigned or to which he 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 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 his 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 his eligible dependents for the following insurance programs:

Insurance Benefits: The Board agrees to provide insurance benefits equal to or better than those currently provided including the following:

Health Plan BCBSM SB PPO HSA with four options related to deductibles, co-pays and prescription drugs.

Dental and orthodontic insurance

Term life insurance (Administrator only): 2.5 times annual salary with AD&D

Vision insurance: MASB/SET Plan III with \$150 frame allowance

Long Term Disability insurance (Administrator only): MASB-SET Plan

Any absence due to injury or illness incurred on the premises or during a directed activity related to school functions shall not be charged against the Administrator's sick leave. The Board shall pay to such an Administrator the difference between his/her salary and benefits received under the Worker's Compensation Act for the remainder of such absence, not to exceed one year from the date of accident.

If the Administrator is employed at the time of death; health, vision and dental benefits will continue for the Administrator's spouse and immediate family for a six-month period.

Should Administrator waive health insurance coverage under this provision, the Board shall remit to Administrator the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) per month as a cash option under a Section 125 plan developed and administered by the Board.

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 Administrator and his 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:

New Years Eve Day	Day Before Thanksgiving Day
New Years Day	Thanksgiving Day
Presidents' Day	Day After Thanksgiving Day
Memorial Day	Christmas Eve Day
July 4 th	Christmas Day
Friday before Labor Day	Day After Christmas
Labor Day	Juneteenth

14. Paid sick leave. If Administrator is absent from duty on account of personal illness or disability, or for the illness or serious injury to members of immediate family he shall be allowed full pay for a total of twelve (12) days per contract year with unlimited accumulation of unused paid sick leave. Unused paid sick leave days hereunder shall be cumulative for such absences. If Administrator exhausts all paid sick leave, the Board may approve utilization of a sick leave bank not to exceed fifty (50) days. The Administrator shall be entitled to compensation for unused accumulated paid sick leave at a rate of 50% of his daily per diem rate of pay for each day of accumulated unused paid sick leave at the time of retirement, death, resignation and/or termination. Unused accumulated paid sick leave will be paid out as an employer 403(b) contribution. The Administrator will also be granted four (4) personal days annually with unused personal days rolling into paid sick leave days at the beginning of each contract year.

Bereavement Leave for Death in Family: A maximum of five (5) days leave, which will not be cumulative, shall be allowed for death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined as parents, children, siblings, spouse, mother and father-in-law, grandparents, and significant others as determined by the Board. Additional days may be approved by the Board.

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. Administrator shall be required to present an itemized account of his reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with direction of the Board or its designee. Administrator shall be reimbursed for use of personal vehicle for district purposes at IRS standard mileage rate.

16. The Board shall pay the membership dues for Administration for the American Association of School Administrators, the Michigan Association of School Administrators, and for the MASA region in which the District is located. Subject to express prior approval by the Board, the Board may pay on behalf of Administrator fees or dues for membership in appropriate professional organizations related to the position responsibility of Administrator.

17. The Board agrees to pay the premium amount for errors and omissions insurance coverage for Administrator while engaged in the performance of a governmental function and while the Administrator is acting within the scope of his authority. The policy limits for this coverage shall be not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) with an aggregate policy limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). The terms of the errors and omissions insurance policy shall be controlling respecting defense and indemnity of Administrator. The sole obligation undertaken by the Board shall be limited to the payment of premium amounts for the above errors and omissions coverage. In the event that such insurance coverage cannot be purchased in the above amounts and/or at a reasonable premium rate, the Board shall have the right to discontinue said coverage and shall so notify Administrator. In that event, the Board agrees on a case-by-case

basis to consider providing legal defense and/or indemnification to Administrator as is authorized under MCL 691.1408 and MCL 380.11a(3)(d).

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, MCG 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 his 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 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.

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 35th Judicial Circuit of Michigan (Shiawassee 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 that 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 law suit, it is the intent of the parties that the court enforce this provision to the extent possible and declare the law suit barred unless it was brought within the minimum reasonable time within which the suit should have been commenced.

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

Date: _____

MATTHEW SHASTAL, Administrator

LAINGSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: _____

By _____
President

Date: _____

By _____
Secretary