USEP Economic Proposal #4  

December 5, 2018

ECONOMIC PROPOSAL

2018-2019

School Related Personnel Economic Proposal

Recognizing the important role that SRP play in the operation of the school district, the Superintendent, Board, and Union prioritized the providing of salary increases for SRP for the 2018-2019 school year as follows:

1. Salaries

$2,476,350 $2,456,338 $2,153,098 will be provided to improve SRP compensation as follows:

I. $1,081,080 to provide a salary increase of three (3-75% 3½%, 3.0%) of base salary to all eligible SRP, exclusive of all supplements including Longevity and Service Factor, provided the SRP earned a year of service credit for the 2017-2018 school year.

II. The SRP Compensation Committee will again be convened to review and provide input in the implementation of the new salary structure which occurred during the 2017-2018 school year. The newly created salary ranges, as opposed to the former step schedules, were integrated as part of any of salaries increases for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond.

III. All supplements and differentials will continue to be paid at 2017-2018 rates except as provided in this proposal.

a. Should there be any deviations during implementation, the Board and the Union are authorized to correct these deviations. In addition, should the District’s budgetary status improve during the 2018-2019 school year, the Board and the Union agree to meet to examine the possibility of compensation improvement.

b. The payment and increases shown above will be provided retroactively to July 1, 2018, for current bargaining unit members employed on the date of Board ratification. However, such increases will not be provided to bargaining unit members who left the District prior to Board ratification for any reason other than retirement.

2. Fingerprint Retention Fees

The Board will continue to pay the fingerprint retention fee for SRP, estimated to be $25,176 for the 2018-2019 school year.

3. Other Considerations

a. Non-Recurring Bonuses—each eligible SRP will receive a non-recurring bonus payment to be determined by the parties related to—from the Health Insurance program surplus as of June 30, 2018 and after all items in #4 below (Fringe Benefits) have been addressed—in the amount of $433,000 (rounded)—($3,100,000/7160—$432.96)

b. Other adjustments: Total of $202,547 $172,018 as follows:

** Delete the proposals of October 17th and 29th, and replace as follows:

** Proposing to provide all SRP in Salary Grades 1 & 2 an additional 10 cents/hour, in addition to the across-the-board increase listed in 1 “Salaries” above.

4. Fringe Benefits

The Board agrees to contribute $6,785.00 (therefore no increase) per eligible employee, toward the cost of the health insurance benefit package for the 2019 insurance plan year.

The Board’s contribution will be used to pay those premiums associated with the fully-insured benefits contained in the health insurance benefit package, to pay all claims and administrative costs incurred and associated with the self-insured benefits contained in the health insurance benefit package, and to contribute towards the insurance reserve account for the self-insured benefits contained in the health insurance benefit package. In order to balance the insurance budget, the District Insurance Committee agreed that effective January 1, 2014, the annual $150 per employee flexible benefit would be replaced with an annual health risk assessment incentive of up to $250 per employee.
Should there be any funds once the District has set aside funds to pay all fully insured premiums, all self-insured incurred claims, all administrative costs associated with the health insurance benefits package, and funded the insurance reserve/surplus account to the level identified by the District Insurance Committee, such funds will be placed in the insurance reserve/surplus account and the Board and Union will meet to decide how to best utilize the excess funds which may include applied-the application of these funds towards the costs for the 2019-2020 plan year. Should increases in costs for the products and services contained in the health insurance benefit package require an additional District contribution in excess of the operating dollars budgeted for the 2018 benefit year, the Board and the Union will meet to decide how to balance any such deficit.

In addition, the alternative “opt-out” program shall be provided to bargaining unit members with existing coverage who do not choose one of the Board-approved health insurance plans. The amount of this “opt-out” will be $1,200.

Effective with the 2012-2013 school year, employees receiving the District’s health insurance benefit package who terminate employment after working through the final day of his/her respective work calendar shall continue to receive Board contributions towards his/her health insurance benefit package through the end of August of that plan year.

END OF ECONOMIC PROPOSAL

For the Board

Date

For the Union

Date
ARTICLE XI -- SALARY AND SCHOOL RELATED PERSONNEL WELFARE

SECTION A - Salary Schedule and Remunerations

1. The regular salary schedules pay grades, attached as Addendum A, which were created and implemented during the 2017-2018 school year, will now be used to reflect current SRP positions and salary levels shall be adhered to for all SRP until the new salary structure is developed. The parties will meet to discuss the creation and implementation of one SRP salary structure, consisting of multiple salary ranges, and eliminate the usage of the current step salary schedules. The SRP Compensation Committee will meet to review and provide input in the development as to implementation of the new structure, which shall be was implemented during the 2017-2018 school year and any salary changes will be retroactive to July 1, 2017. The newly created salary ranges, as opposed to the current former step schedules, will serve as the starting point for the negotiations and integrated as part of any salaries increases for the 2017-2018 2018-2019 school year and beyond.

2. Placement on the salary schedules, entitled Addendum A, shall follow the rules attached to and included in the schedules. No current employee's pay shall be reduced as part of the implementation of the new structure.

3. Through 9. Same

SECTION B - Fringe Benefits

1. The Board agrees to contribute an annual rate of no more than $6,785.00 toward the cost of the benefits package for the 2019 insurance plan year.
   a. Same
   b. Same

2. Through 7. Same

SECTION C - Payroll Deduction for Additional Benefits - SAME
SECTION D - Early Retirement Monthly Benefit - SAME
SECTION E - Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) - SAME
SECTION F - Retiree Health Care Premium. SAME
SECTION G - Meritorious Attendance Incentive Pay - SAME
SECTION H - Group Medical Benefits Recovery Inc. (Indemnity - PPO and HMO Programs) - Same
SECTION I - Education Supplemental Pay Plan - Same
SECTION J - Employee Assistance Program (EAP) - Same

For the Board ___________________________ Date ________________________

For the Union ___________________________ Date ________________________
ADDENDUM A – RULES GOVERNING THE SALARY SCHEDULE

1. All SRP shall be paid according to their job title, salary schedule pay grade, and the rules governing that schedule. The parties have, and will continue to meet to discuss the creation and implementation of one SRP salary structure, consisting of multiple salary ranges, and a placement schedule and elimination of the usage of the current step-salary schedules during the 2017-2018 school year. The SRP Compensation Committee will meet to review and provide input to the development of the new structure, which shall be implemented during 2017-2018 school year. The newly created salary ranges, as opposed to the current step schedules, will be integrated as part of any raises increases for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond.

2. Effective November 19, 1987, any SRP employed in Pasco County whose service is interrupted due to active military service shall be granted experience for a maximum of four (4) years as if he/she had been serving within the district.

3. In order to receive credit for a year of Pasco continuous service, a SRP must be in paid duty status one day more than one-half (1/2) of his/her work year. However, in the event a SRP is reassigned or promoted, credit will be given if that person would have received credit in either position. A SRP who receives credit for a year of Pasco continuous service will advance one (1) step on the salary schedule.


5 – 9. SAME

Service Factor:

1. All Service Factor and Longevity payments established prior to July 1, 2016, will continue to be paid at the rates which they were established, however as part of the new salary structure these payments will be now be part of the employee’s base salary and no longer treated as a supplement (see Addendum E). Effective July 1, 2016, the Service Factor/Longevity concept will be discontinued and no longer utilized going forward as both the District and Union believe employees will receive higher compensation levels by using any and/or all available monies for annual raises and other improvements.

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5. SAME

For the Board

For the Union

Date

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