

Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District
562 Maple Street
Hathorne, Massachusetts 01937

Employment Agreement

This Agreement is made between the Superintendent-Director of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District (hereinafter referred to as the "Superintendent-Director or "Essex North Shore") and Ms. Kathleen Russo, (hereinafter referred to as Ms. Russo or "Manager of Transportation").

In consideration of the promises herein contained, the parties hereto mutually agree as follows:

1. Employment

The Superintendent-Director hereby employs Ms. Russo to perform the duties of Manager of Transportation to the Superintendent-Director for the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District.

2. Term

Ms. Russo shall be employed for a three-year term commencing July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The Superintendent-Director shall provide Ms. Russo with 120 days written notice if he/she does not intend to renew his contract in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71 §41.

3. Compensation

Ms. Russo shall be paid an annual base salary, reflective of educational background and experience, commencing as of the effective date of this Agreement of \$66,300 per annum, payable in equal installments in accordance with the policy of the School Committee of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District. The salary stated herein for Ms. Russo shall not be reduced below the amount received by Ms. Russo in the previous contract year for the same position provided. The Superintendent-Director shall review Ms. Russo's salary annually on or before the last day of June and may recommend any adjustment in salary rate based upon her performance evaluation.

4. Conditions of Employment

The Manager shall be eligible to receive benefits and shall be subject to other conditions of employment as set forth in the Policies of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District, as may be from time to time modified by the Committee, Superintendent-

Director, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Modification of such conditions shall not constitute a breach of this contract or any extension hereof.

5. Duties and Responsibilities

Ms. Russo shall also faithfully and effectively perform the duties contained in the job description of Manager of Transportation. The Manager recognizes that her responsibilities and conduct are not determined by prescribed hours and conditions and will perform the directed and implied duties of her position as determined by the Superintendent-Director and will expend the time and effort necessary to effectively achieve the goals and purposes of the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District.

6. Annual Work Schedule

Ms. Russo shall be employed on a twelve (12) month schedule, and shall be entitled to all holidays in accordance with School Committee policy. Vacation can only be taken during the 184 student and teacher days with the prior approval of the Superintendent-Director.

7. Evaluation

The Superintendent-Director or designee shall evaluate the performance of the Manager based upon professional goals and job performance, on an annual basis. The Superintendent-Director or designee shall provide Ms. Russo with a summary written statement of the evaluation and provide her with the opportunity to file a written response to the evaluation.

8. State Retirement Association

Ms. Russo shall be a member of the Salem Contributory Retirement System.

9. Professional Improvement

The Manager is able to attend professional seminars and meetings pertaining to her position, with approval in advance by the Superintendent-Director. The District shall pay all dues and associated costs of membership for the Manager in professional associations, with approval in advance by the Superintendent-Director.

10. Fringe Benefits

Ms. Russo shall be entitled to all insurance benefits and other fringe benefits currently available to teachers and administrators at Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District, subject to the same terms and conditions of said coverage and at the same rate of contribution.

A. Insurance

Ms. Russo shall be entitled to all insurance plans including medical, hospital, dental, disability and life on the same term and conditions that all other administrators receive, subject to change by the Superintendent-Director or School Committee.

B. Jury Duty

Ms. Russo will suffer no financial loss as a result of fulfillment of her civic duty.

C. Personal Leave

Ms. Russo will be provided with four (4) personal days with pay per year. The Manager may not use personal days on the day before or after a holiday, the day before or after a vacation period, or during the last ten (10) days of the student school year except in urgent circumstances with advance approval by the Superintendent-Director. At the end of the fiscal year any unused personal leave will be converted to sick leave.

D. Bereavement Leave

The Manager shall be entitled to: (a) up to five (5) days of bereavement leave in cases of death of a spouse or child of the manager or spouse; or of the father, mother, brother, sister of the manager or spouse; or a person for whom the manager was primarily responsible (i.e., health care proxy); (b) up to three (3) days of bereavement leave in cases of death of a grandparent, grandchild, niece, or nephew of the manager or spouse; and (c) up to one (1) day of bereavement leave in cases of death of an aunt or uncle of the manager or spouse. The Superintendent-Director may provide a discretionary grant of additional bereavement leave in appropriate circumstances.

E. Sick Leave

Sick days accrued from North Shore Regional Vocational School District before July 1, 2014, shall be carried over to the new district. The Manager will receive annually fifteen (15) days of sick leave at the beginning of each contract year. Unused sick leave shall be permitted to accumulate without limit provided that not more than sixty (60) days of such accumulated sick leave shall be utilized in any one year, except upon approval of the Superintendent-Director. The Superintendent-Director may, after exhaustion of all accrued benefits including sick leave, personal days and vacation time, grant an extension of sick leave with pay to the Manager in the event of a catastrophic illness of not more than an additional sixty (60) days.

F. Sick and Personal Leave Buyback

If the Manager uses fewer than ten (10) sick and/or personal days in a school year she

shall, upon written request to the Superintendent-Director (no later than June 30 following the close of school) be compensated at a rate of \$100 per day for the difference between the number of days used and ten (10), or any part thereof. Payment for such days shall be made no later than the first paycheck in August in the next school year.

G. Sick Leave Buyback

Should the Manager retire during the life of this Agreement, she shall receive payment for such unused days calculated at the rate of twenty-five percent (25%) of the per diem rate in effect at the time of retirement up to a maximum of 120 sick days.

H. Vacation

During the calendar year the Manager shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) vacation days, exclusive of legal holidays, sick leave, personal days or bereavement leave. In the event that the Manager does not work the entire contract year, the number of vacation days received for that year will be prorated based on a twelve month work year. The Manager shall be allowed to carry over up to five (5) vacation days, with the approval of the Superintendent-Director. These carried over days must be used in the subsequent contract year, but cannot be carried over further.

I. Longevity

If the Manager has the requisite amount of continuous active service to the District he will receive a longevity payment annually which shall be paid pro rata in his regular paychecks throughout the year as set forth below.

15-19 years of service	\$ 750.00
20-24 years of service	\$1,000.00
25+ years of service	\$1,500.00

J. Termination, Demotion and Suspension

In the event that the Manager desires to voluntarily terminate his contract before the term of service shall have expired, he may do so with at least 120 days written notice of intent to the Superintendent-Director. The Manager may be subject to discharge only for good cause for inefficiency, incompetence, incapacity, conduct unbecoming, insubordination or other "good cause." The Superintendent-Director shall provide the Manager with the notice of the charges of the proposed discharge and he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Superintendent-Director, with legal representation, prior to any final decision being made.

K. Severability

It is understood and agreed by the parties that if any part, term or provision of this Agreement is held by the courts to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular part, term, or provisions held to be invalid.


11. Indemnification


The District shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend against any claim liability, demands, judgment or other legal action whether groundless or otherwise arising out of or relating to the Manager's performance of her duties in accordance with state law and in accordance with coverage under the District's insurance policies. The District shall continue to so indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Manager even if such claim or legal action has been commenced following her termination, resignation or the expiration of her employment, provided that the Administrator provides full cooperation with any claim or legal action. The District may compromise and settle any such claim or legal action and shall pay the amount of any such settlement or final judgment rendered thereon.

12. Entire Agreement

This contract embodies the whole Agreement between the Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School District and the Manager of Transportation there are no inducements, promises, terms, conditions or obligations made or entered into by either party against whom enforcement thereof is sought. This Agreement may not be changed except by a writing signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto signed and sealed this Agreement and a duplicate thereof this _____ day of _____ and year _____.

BY: 
Kathleen Russo
Manager of Transportation

BY: 
William H. Lupini
Superintendent-Director

DATE: August 1, 2016

DATE: 8.1.2016