

For Immediate Release – October 28, 2019

The Blue Ridge Federation of Teachers met Sunday, October 27 and ratified a new 3-year agreement with the BR Board of Education. The Board will meet on Wednesday, October 30 to formally vote on the measure, which includes annual salary increases of 2.75% plus any step increases on the salary schedule, an increase in the salary for beginning teachers to \$37,026/year in the first year, and higher in the 2 successive years. The district will contribute \$2500 per year to Health Savings Accounts for employees who receive district health insurance. Sick leave will increase from 14 days per year to 14-21 days per year depending on years of service. Other items addressed in the new contract included extended use of personal days, terms for use of short-term substitutes, and elimination of fair-share requirements.

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