

April 24, 2023 7:00 PM

Agenda

- I. Meeting Roll Call
- II. Notice of Open Meetings Act - Posted
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Items for Discussion (Discussion Only)
 - IV.A. Discuss of Land Transfers East of 36th
 - IV.B. Discussion on Board Retreat dates and agenda
 - IV.C. Legislative Report
- V. Action Items
 - V.A. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to an amendment to real estate purchase agreement.
 - V.B. Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to possible approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with SID 362 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, for construction and reimbursement of certain infrastructure improvements in the Oak Leaf development.
 - V.C. Certified contract for Angela Stones
 - V.D. Certified contract for Eryn Hausmann
 - V.E. Certified contract for Katelynn Caniglia
 - V.F. .54 FTE Certified contract for Douglas Smith
 - V.G. Certified contract for McKenna Pollock
 - V.H. Certified contract for Kelli Haynes, District Nurse for 2023-24 School Year.
 - V.I. Board Approval of New Policies- 4000 Series
- VI. Future Planning
- VII. Adjourn

AGENDA

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to an amendment to real estate purchase agreement.

MOTION

Rationale: The Board of Education previously approved a real estate purchase and sale agreement dated February 23, 2021, whereby the School District agreed to purchase an approximately 15.1 acre tract of land in the Oak Leaf subdivision. The seller-developer is prepared to close that purchase-sale transaction and has agreed to a purchase price reduction.

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education of this School District approves the purchase and sale agreement first amendment with Oakleaf Development, LLC, for the purchase of approximately 15.1 acres of real property generally located near 72nd Street and Capehart Road in Sarpy County, Nebraska, such amendment in the form on file with official School records and as presented at this meeting or with such changes as are deemed necessary and in the best interest of the School and approved by the President of the Board of Education or Superintendent of Schools, and further authorizes and directs the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent or a designee for the School, to sign, execute, and deliver such first amendment, and to take or cause to be taken all other action necessary or appropriate to close the sale, purchase, and conveyance transaction.

Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion:

_____.

The following Board members voted against the same: _____.

The following Board members were absent or not voting: _____.

The above Motion having been consented to by a majority of the members of the School Board of this School District, were declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2023.

SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 77-0046,
A/K/A SPRINGFIELD PLATTEVIEW
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BY: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

**PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
FIRST AMENDMENT**

This Purchase and Sale Agreement First Amendment (“First Amendment”) is made and entered into this 24th day of April, 2023, by and between OAKLEAF DEVELOPMENT, LLC, ("Seller"), and SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 77-0046, a/k/a SPRINGFIELD PLATTEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ("Buyer").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Seller and Buyer entered into that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement with an Effective Date of February 23, 2023 (“Agreement”).

WHEREAS, Seller and Buyer desire to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows terms and conditions of this First Amendment:

1. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms have the same meaning as in the Agreement.
2. The Purchase Price, as described in paragraph 2 of the Agreement, shall be reduced to Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand and No/100ths Dollars (\$875,000.00).
3. Except as specifically amended or modified in this First Amendment, all other terms, covenants, and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this First Amendment the day and year first above written.

OAKLEAF DEVELOPMENT, LLC

By: _____
Eugene Graves, Member

SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
No. 77-0046, a/k/a SPRINGFIELD PLATTEVIEW
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

AGENDA

Discuss, consider and take all necessary action with regard to possible approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with SID 362 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, for construction and reimbursement of certain infrastructure improvements in the Oak Leaf development.

MOTION

MOTION by _____ that the Board of Education of this School District should, and does hereby, authorize and approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between Sanitary and Improvement District No. 362 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, and this School District, and that the Board hereby approves and adopts the attached Resolution.

Board member _____ seconded the MOTION. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following Board members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Motion and Resolution:

_____.

The following Board members voted against the same: _____.

The following Board members were absent or not voting: _____.

The above Motion and Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the School Board of this School District, were declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2023.

SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 77-0046,
A/K/A SPRINGFIELD PLATTEVIEW
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY Sarpy County School District 77-0046, a/k/a Springfield Platteview Community Schools, a Class III School District under the laws and statutes of the State of Nebraska, at this regular meeting of its Board of Education, ("SPCS"), that the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreements") by and between Sanitary and Improvement District No. 362 of Sarpy County, Nebraska, and this School District, in the form on file with official SPCS records and as presented at this meeting, or with such changes as are deemed necessary and in the best interest of SPCS and approved by the Board President or Superintendent of Schools, should be and are hereby authorized and approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, or other designee for SPCS, should be and is hereby authorized, delegated and direct to sign, execute, and deliver such Agreement, and any development plans, construction documents, construction agreements, subdivision agreements, right-of-way dedications, easements, deeds or other documents or agreements called for in such Agreement, for and on behalf of the SPCS, to sign and approve any Agreement amendments, modifications, and change orders, and to retain any necessary professionals for assistance, to pay the amounts and expenses and all transaction costs, change order increases, and expenses called for in the Agreement related to the construction work and development of infrastructure improvements in the Oak Leaf development project and to the site work to be performed and completed, and to take or cause to be taken all other action necessary or appropriate to complete any requirements or obligations under the Agreement.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement is made and entered into by and between SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 77-0046, A/K/A SPRINGFIELD PLATTEVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (hereinafter referred to as “School District”), and SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 362 OF SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA, a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska (hereinafter referred to as “SID”). The School District and the SID shall be referred to sometimes individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”).

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The SID is or will be in the process of undertaking the construction of the following public improvements relating to the development of the Oak Leaf Subdivision, generally located southeast of the intersection of South 72nd Street and Capehart Road (the “Subdivision”) that will also serve the property owned by the School District: interior Subdivision paving, exterior paving improvements to Capehart Road; exterior public improvements; storm sewer system and related facilities; interior and exterior water system improvements and related facilities; sanitary sewer system and related facilities; gas system and related facilities; and electric system and related facilities; all as generally shown on the plans attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, which is incorporated herein by this reference (collectively, the “Public Infrastructure Improvements”); and

The property owned by the School District (“Property”) is located within the geographic boundaries of the SID, and will be served by the Public Infrastructure Improvements installed by the SID, but the School District is tax exempt and not subject to the levy by the SID; and

The SID and the School District desire to share in the construction and maintenance cost of the Public Infrastructure Improvements in accordance with the cost sharing percentages set forth in Section 4, below; and

Pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Sections 13-801, et seq., the School District and the SID are authorized to enter into this Agreement with each other so as to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of such political subdivisions; and

It is in the best interest of, and would be mutually advantageous to, the School District and the SID to cooperate in the cost of designing, constructing and maintaining the Public Infrastructure Improvements on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants herein set forth, the School District and the SID do hereby agree and contract with each other as follows:

1. Authority. The authority for the Parties entering into this Agreement is that authority granted by law, including the general powers of the parties and the Interlocal Cooperation Act of the State of Nebraska.

2. No Administrative Entity. There shall be no separate legal or administrative entity created to administer this Agreement and, therefore, no separate budget established for such an entity.

3. Plans, Specifications and Design. The SID will contract with FoleyShald Engineering (the “Engineer”), registered engineers in the State of Nebraska, for the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of the Public Infrastructure Improvements. The final plans and specifications shall be subject to approval by each of the Parties hereto which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The construction administration and construction management of the Public Infrastructure Improvements shall be performed by the Engineer. The SID shall be responsible for the bid letting process in accordance with Nebraska law.

4. Description and Cost Estimate of Public Infrastructure Improvements. As of the effective date of this Agreement, the Engineer’s current description of the proposed Public Infrastructure Improvements, source and use of funds, and opinion of probable cost of construction of the proposed Phase I Public Infrastructure Improvements are as follows:

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	TOTAL COST	GENERAL OBLIGATION	SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
SANITARY SEWER	\$ 5,126,702.04	\$ 752,692.86	\$ 4,374,009.18
Wastewater Connection Fee	\$ 1,522,307.86	\$ -	\$ 1,522,307.86
STORM SEWER	\$ 4,138,307.70	\$ 4,138,307.70	\$ -
PAVING			
Paving Interior	\$ 8,377,561.58	\$ 4,060,681.67	\$ 4,316,879.91
Capehart Turn Lanes	\$ 204,147.34	\$ 204,147.34	\$ -
Capehart Contribution	\$ 402,147.93	\$ 402,147.93	
Capehart - Traffic Signals	\$ 561,693.83	\$ 561,693.83	
Capehart Urban Section	\$ 810,058.94	\$ 810,058.94	
Collector Street ROW Landscaping	\$ 139,094.11	\$ -	\$ 139,094.11
SIDEWALKS/TRAILS			
Sidewalks	\$ 1,041,302.46	\$ 477,637.80	\$ 563,664.66
Interior Trails	\$ 459,866.29	\$ 459,866.29	
WQ PROPERTY PURCHASE	\$ 819,386.57		\$ 819,386.57
SIDEWALK PROPERTY PURCHASE	\$ 5,114.90		\$ 5,114.90

WATER			
Water - Interior	\$ 3,436,895.67	\$ 1,290,321.77	\$ 2,146,573.90
Water - Offsite	\$ 2,278,814.98	\$ 2,278,814.98	\$ -
CAPITAL FACILITY CHARGES	\$ 1,385,356.19	\$ 692,678.09	\$ 692,678.09
POWER	\$ 764,810.20	0	\$ 764,810.20
PLAN REVIEW FEE	\$ 228,839.42	\$ 114,419.71	\$ 114,419.71
	\$ 31,902,841.02	\$ 16,128,635.39	\$ 15,74,205.63

5. School District’s Cost Share for Public Infrastructure Improvements. The SID and the School District agree that the School District’s fixed share of the SID special assessment and general obligations costs for the Property for the proposed Public Infrastructure Improvements described herein shall be not more than seven percent (7.00%) of the estimated costs of constructing the Public Infrastructure Improvements, as provided in Section 4 above. The School District and the SID understand that the School District’s fixed share of SID special assessments and general obligations costs for the Property shall be the combined fixed amount of Two million one hundred forty-three thousand nine-hundred twenty-four Dollars (\$2,143,924) (“School District SID Share”) payable as provided under Section 6 below.

6. Payment of Construction and Engineering Costs. The School District shall deposit the full amount of the School District SID Share when the Buyer submits to the appropriate governmental entity with jurisdiction an application for a building permit for purposes of constructing an elementary school facility on the Property. The SID will advance on behalf of the School District and pay all of its costs within thirty (30) days after receipt of such invoice for work completed as certified by the Engineer from time to time during the construction of the Public Infrastructure Improvements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that the payment of the amount of the special assessments shall have priority over the general obligation contribution to the SID, and only the special assessment portion of the School District SID Share shall be paid by the School District upon the later occurring of the following events: (a) fifty (50) days after the date the special assessments are certified by the Sarpy County Treasurer (the “Certification Date”), or (b) December 31, 2025. In the event the special assessments relating to the School District SID Share are not paid upon the latest occurring event described above, the School District shall be responsible for all interest that accrues on the special assessments until all installments of the special assessments have been paid in full.

7. Right-of-Way or Public Easements. Any and all public rights-of-way or public easements deemed reasonable and necessary by the Parties for the construction of the Public Infrastructure Improvements, including any temporary construction easements, shall be dedicated or granted by the SID or the School District, as the case may be, without any cost to the other Party. Any public rights-of-way or public easements, including any temporary construction easements, that are required to be obtained from any third parties shall be obtained by the SID as the lead agent for the Public Infrastructure Improvements, and any cost associated with the acquisition of any such public rights-of-way or public easements, including any temporary

construction easements, shall become part of cost of construction for the Public Infrastructure Improvements and shared as provided in Sections 4, 5 and 6 above.

8. Maintenance Costs. The SID and the School District desire to share in the maintenance cost of the Public Infrastructure Improvements in accordance with the same cost sharing percentage set forth in Section 5, above.

9. Construction of Improvements. The SID agrees to cause the Public Infrastructure Improvements to be constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Parties in accordance with Section 3, above, (the “Plans and Specifications”), and perform the construction administration and construction management of the Public Infrastructure Improvements. During the construction of the Public Infrastructure Improvements, the School District may, at any time, cause inspection of the work to ensure compliance with the Plans and Specifications.

10. Timing of Work. It is the mutual desire and intention of the parties that the Public Infrastructure Improvements shall be completed in a timely manner. Accordingly, the Parties hereby agree to cooperate with each other and make reasonable, good faith efforts to perform their obligations hereunder in a timely manner to achieve completion of all of the Public Infrastructure Improvements contemplated by the Agreement. The completion date shall be on or before December 31, 2024.

11. Records. The SID shall maintain records of all construction costs incurred in connection with the Public Improvements. The School District shall have the right to audit and review such records during normal business hours to assure that such records are accurate.

12. Duration and Termination. This Agreement shall continue until such time as the Public Infrastructure Improvements to be constructed by the SID, pursuant to this Agreement, have been completed, unless this Agreement is terminated sooner by the mutual written agreement of all Parties hereto.

13. Appointment of Administrators. The Engineer shall administer this contract on behalf of the Parties. The Parties hereto agree that the SID shall serve as the lead agency for the installation and construction of the Public Infrastructure Improvements.

14. Nondiscrimination Clause. In accordance with the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. 48-1122, all Parties to this agreement agree that they nor any of their subcontractors or agents shall discriminate against any employee, or applicant for employment to be employed in the performance of this agreement, with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of the race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin of the employee or applicant.

15. Drug Free Policy. All Parties to this Agreement assure all other Parties that they have established and maintain a drug free workplace policy.

16. Amendments. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment, duly executed by authorized officials of the Parties. No alteration or variation of the terms and

conditions of this Agreement shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the Parties hereto. Every amendment shall specify the date on which its provisions shall be effective.

17. New Employee Work Eligibility Status. The Parties agree to comply with the residency verification requirements of Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108 through §4-114. The Parties are required and hereby agree to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee.

18. Conflict of Interest. The Parties warrant to each other that they have not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Parties to this Agreement to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that they have not paid or agreed to pay any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Parties, any fee, commissions, percentage, brokerage fees, gifts or other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

19. Severability. In the event any portion of this Agreement may be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, it is agreed that any invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect, and any court of competent jurisdiction may so modify any objectionable provision of this Agreement so as to render it valid and enforceable.

20. Assignment. No Party may assign its rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Parties to this Agreement. An assignment without such prior written consent shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

21. Indemnification. Each Party, to the extent allowed by law, will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party from any and all liability, expense, cost attorney's fees, claim, judgment, suit and/or cause of action (whether or not meritorious), settlement, or demand for personal injury, death or damage to tangible property which may accrue against the other Party to the extent it is caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Indemnifying Party, its officers, employees, agents, or subcontractors while performing their duties under this Agreement, provided that the other Party gives the Indemnifying Party prompt, written notice of any such claim, suit, demand or cause of suit, demand or cause of action. These Indemnification provisions are not intended to waive a Party's sovereign immunity. A Party's liability under this Agreement is governed by and limited to the extent provided by the Nebraska Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act or other applicable provisions of law.

22. Entire Agreement. This instrument and Exhibits contain the entire agreement of the parties and shall be binding upon the successors and assign of the respective parties. No amendments, deletions, or additions shall be made to the Agreement except in writing signed by all parties. Nebraska law shall govern the terms and performances under this Agreement. The provisions of this Section shall survive expiration or termination of this Agreement.

23. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original and all of which together will constitute one agreement. Each counterpart may be delivered by facsimile or computer-scanned image transmission. The signature page of any counterpart may be detached therefrom without impairing the legal effect of the signature(s) thereon provided such signature page is attached to any other counterpart identical thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the contracting Parties, by our respective duly authorized agents, hereby enter into this Agreement, effective on the day and year affixed hereon.

EXECUTED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

SARPY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 77-0046
A/K/A SPRINGFILED PLATTEVIEW
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, a political subdivision
of the State of Nebraska,

By: _____
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary

EXECUTED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

**SANITARY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NO. 362 OF SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA**, a
political subdivision of the State of Nebraska,

By: _____
Chairman

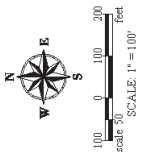
ATTEST:

Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

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- LEGEND**
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 - PROPOSED STORM SEWER
 - PROPOSED STORM SEWER
 - PROPOSED STORM SEWER
 - PROPOSED PROPERTY LINE
 - PROPOSED STREET CENTERLINE
 - PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE
 - PROPOSED ARCH CULVERT
 - DELINEATED WETLAND
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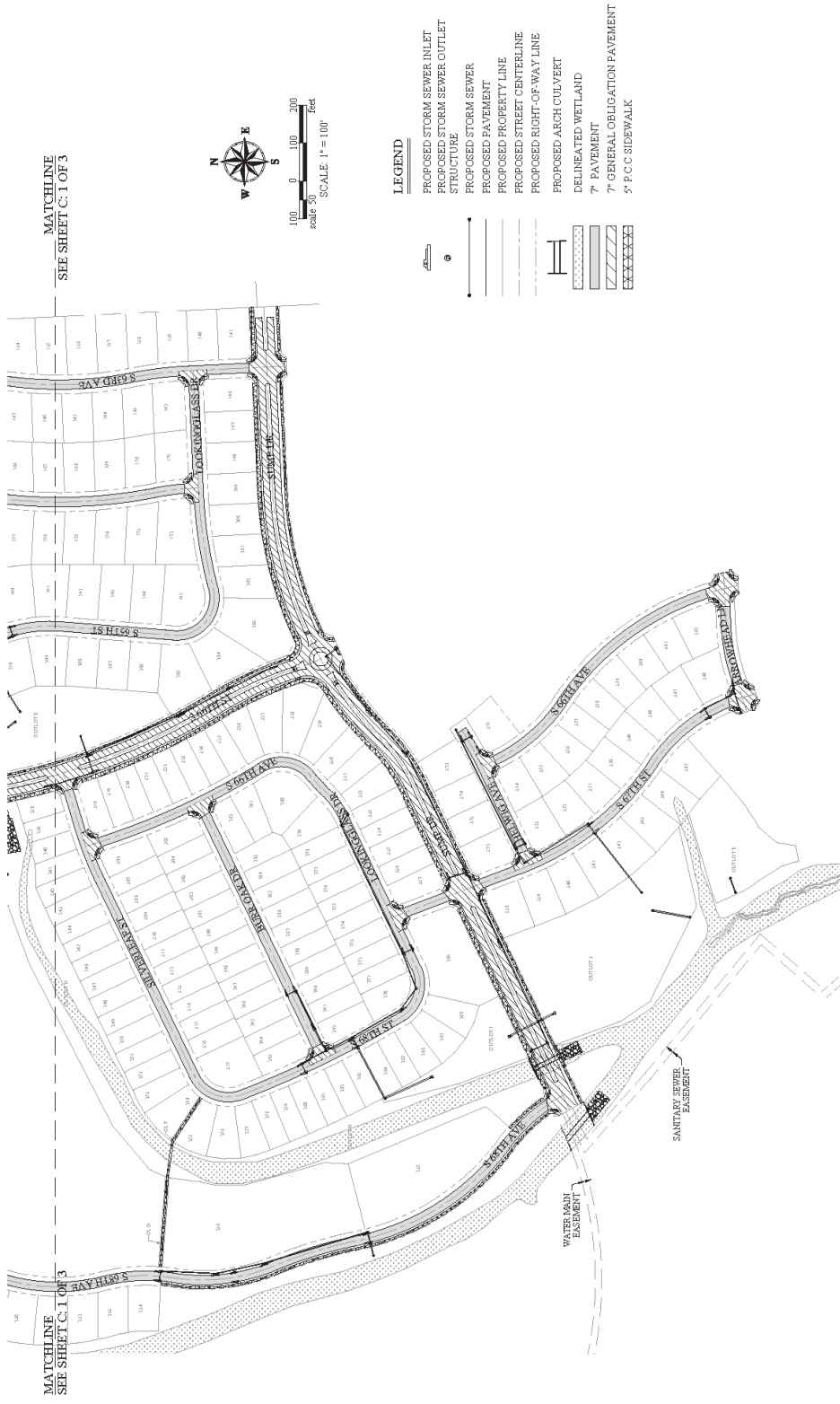


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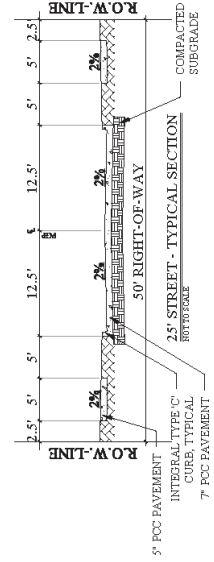
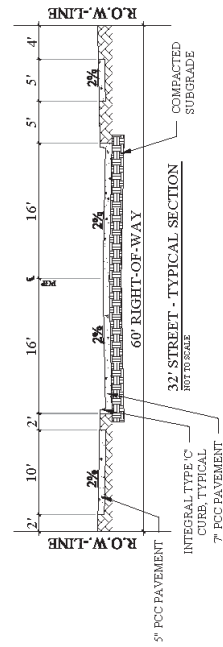
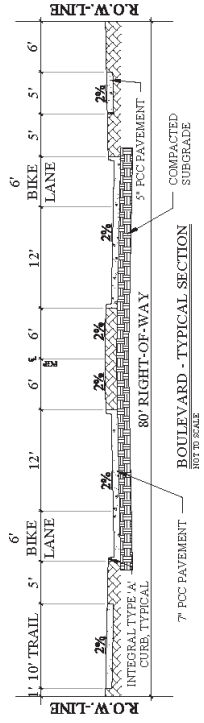
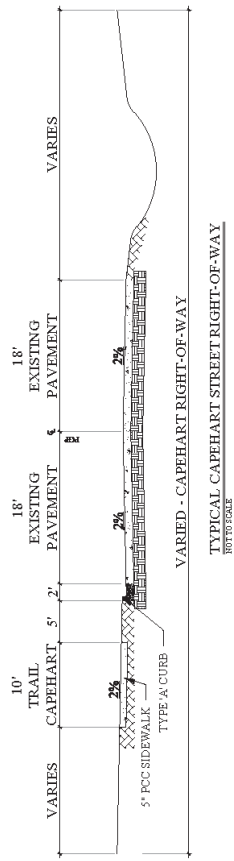


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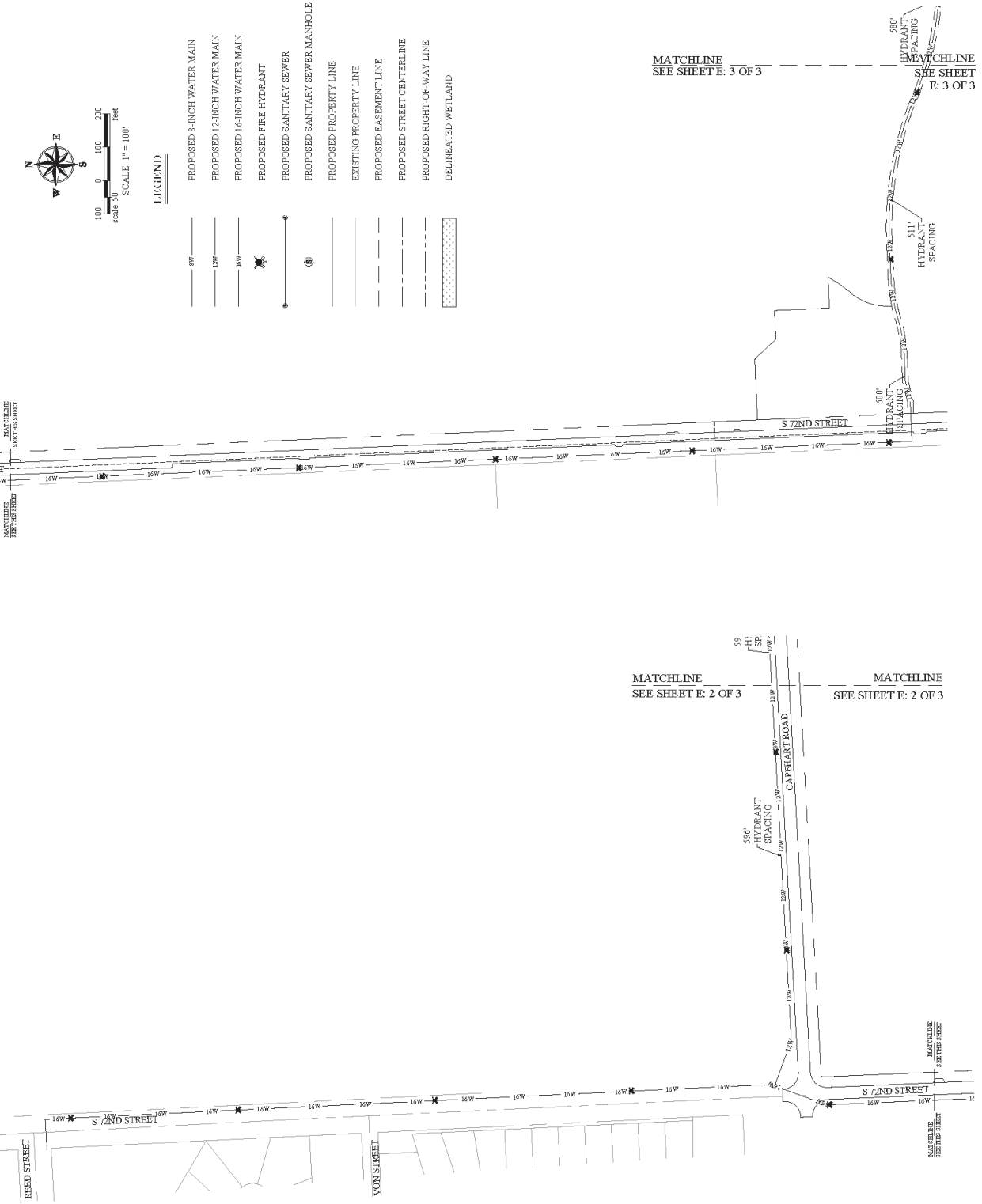
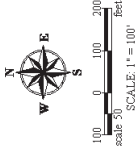


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LEGEND

- PROPOSED 8-INCH WATER MAIN
- PROPOSED 12-INCH WATER MAIN
- PROPOSED 16-INCH WATER MAIN
- PROPOSED FIRE HYDRANT
- PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER
- PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE
- PROPOSED PROPERTY LINE
- EXISTING PROPERTY LINE
- PROPOSED EASEMENT LINE
- PROPOSED STREET CENTERLINE
- PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE
- DELIMITED WETLAND



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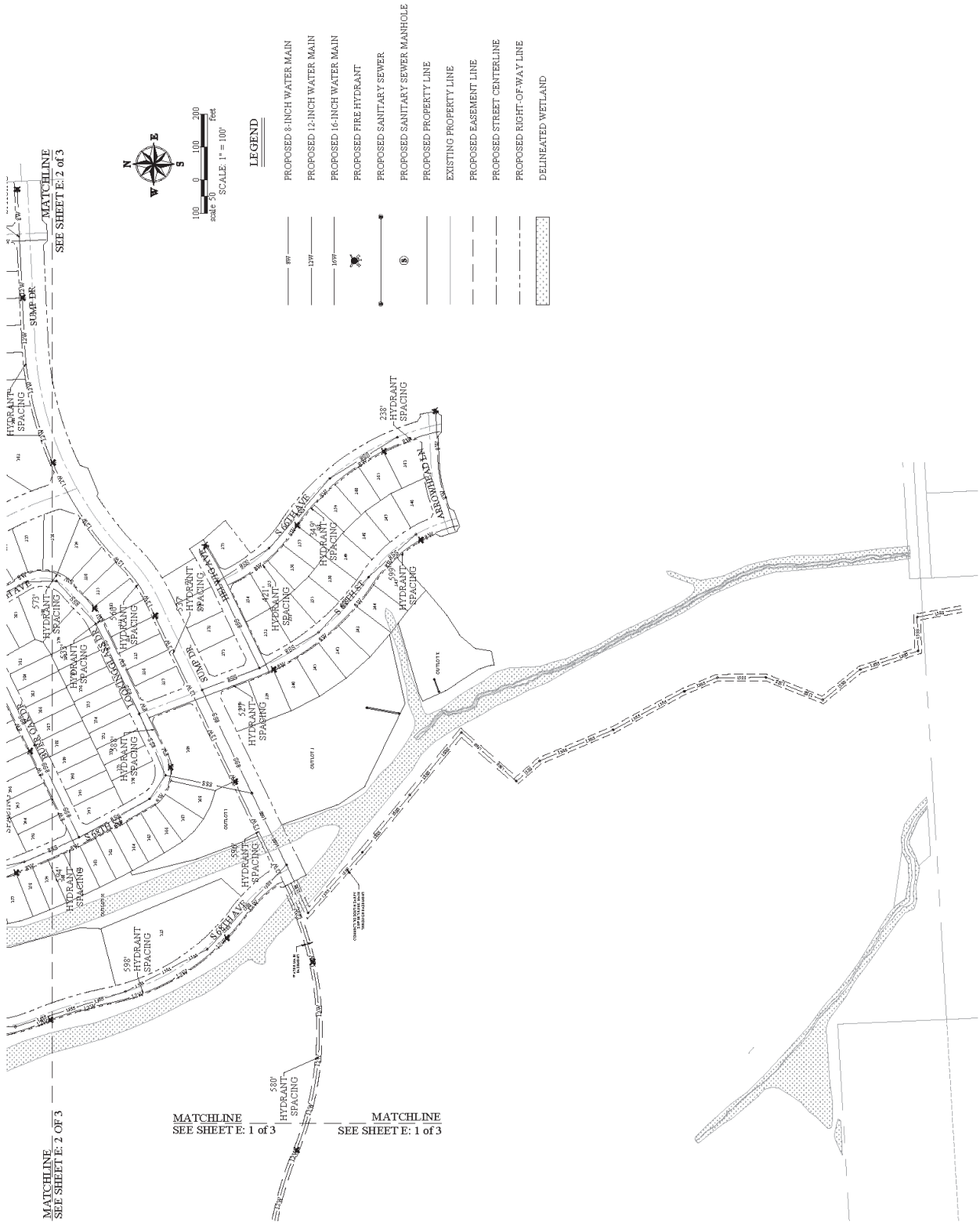
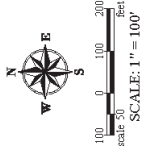


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- LEGEND**
- 5' FCC SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SIDEWALK
 - 5' FCC GENERAL OBLIGATION SIDEWALK
 - 5' FCC GENERAL OBLIGATION TRAIL
 - CURB RAMP GENERAL OBLIGATION



MATCHLINE
SEE SHEET G. 2 OF 2



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SEE SHEET G.
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EXHIBIT "A"

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TEACHER'S CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made by and between the Board of Education of Sarpy County County School District 77-0046, commonly known as Springfield Platteview Community Schools, referred to herein as the "Board" and "District" respectively, and **Angela Stones**, a legally qualified teacher, referred to herein as the "Teacher".

WITNESSETH: The Board agrees to employ Teacher above named in the schools of the District for a school year, which shall begin on or about August 9, 2023, and conclude on or about May 23, 2024, and shall consist of 184 contract days of service. Teacher accepts such employment at a salary based upon placement on **Step 11 of Lane MA** of the salary schedule.

FIRST: Teacher's salary shall be payable in 12 equal installments. The first installment shall be payable on the 20th day of September, 2023, and the remaining installments shall be payable on the 20th day of each month thereafter.

SECOND: Teacher will abide by the District's and Administration's policies, rules, regulations and directives and all state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. Teacher's duties are subject to assignment by the Administration. Teacher agrees to devote full time during days of school to his/her position in all respects and to perform the assigned duties diligently and faithfully to the best of his/her professional ability.

THIRD: In addition to the teaching duties set forth herein, Teacher may be assigned such "extra duty" assignments which shall be for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the District and Teacher or by Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent.

FOURTH: A majority of the Board members may cancel, amend, or terminate this contract during its term for any of the following reasons:
(a) cancellation, termination, revocation or suspension of Teacher's certificate by the State Board of Education; (b) a breach of any material provision of this contract; (c) any reason set forth in this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) physical or mental incapacity; (i) immorality; and (j) any conduct that interferes substantially with the teacher's continued performance of duties. Cancellation, nonrenewal, termination, or amendment under this contract shall be governed by applicable provisions of Nebraska statute.

FIFTH: Upon termination of this contract for just cause, or upon Teacher's release from this contract, the compensation paid or to be paid hereunder shall be an amount that bears the same ratio to the yearly salary herein specified as the number of days of service to the date of such termination bears to the number of days of service in the contract year. Teacher shall refund any unearned fractional portion of an installment paid but not earned prior to termination of the contract.

SIXTH: Upon termination of this contract, Teacher shall immediately return all District property to the District.

SEVENTH: There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Teacher from this contract, provided no resignation shall become effective until the close of the school year unless it is accepted by the Board, which shall fix the time that the resignation is to take effect.

EIGHTH: This contract shall conform to the regulations governing deductions from the above-stated compensation with reference to withholding tax, social security, and any legally required deductions and deductions based on benefit elections. This contract is subject to the School Employee Retirement Act. Teacher shall be responsible to pay for damage to District property caused by the Teacher's reckless or intentional actions.

NINTH: Teacher affirms that he/she is not under contract with another school board or board of education within this state covering a part or all of the same time of performance as is contemplated by this agreement. Teacher affirms that he/she holds or will hold a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate at the beginning of the term of this contract. This contract is not valid until said certificate is registered in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and Teacher shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of the registration.

TENTH: Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any arrest, criminal charge, or criminal conviction of Teacher. Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any filing against the Teacher under section 43-247 of the Nebraska statutes or any other provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code for child abuse and/or neglect.

ELEVENTH: The compensation set forth in this agreement shall be subject to such adjustments as the Board and Teacher or Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent may agree upon from time to time.

TWELFTH: Teacher's failure to return a signed copy of the contract to the Superintendent of Schools or Secretary of the Board of Education of the District on or before **April 21, 2023** shall constitute a rejection of this offer of employment.

THIRTEENTH: Other Contract Terms: [THESE MAY INCLUDE TERMS SUCH AS RESIGNATION DEADLINES AND OTHERS NOT ALREADY COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT].

By: Angela Stones
Teacher

Date: 4-18-23

By: _____
Board President

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Date: _____

TEACHER'S CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made by and between the Board of Education of Sarpy County School District 77-0046, commonly known as Springfield Platteview Community Schools, referred to herein as the "Board" and "District" respectively, and **Eryn Hausmann**, a legally qualified teacher, referred to herein as the "Teacher".

WITNESSETH: The Board agrees to employ Teacher above named in the schools of the District for a school year, which shall begin on or about August 9, 2023, and conclude on or about May 23, 2024, and shall consist of 184 contract days of service. Teacher accepts such employment at a salary based upon placement on **Step 5 of Lane BA** of the salary schedule.

FIRST: Teacher's salary shall be payable in 12 equal installments. The first installment shall be payable on the 20th day of September, 2023, and the remaining installments shall be payable on the 20th day of each month thereafter.

SECOND: Teacher will abide by the District's and Administration's policies, rules, regulations and directives and all state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. Teacher's duties are subject to assignment by the Administration. Teacher agrees to devote full time during days of school to his/her position in all respects and to perform the assigned duties diligently and faithfully to the best of his/her professional ability.

THIRD: In addition to the teaching duties set forth herein, Teacher may be assigned such "extra duty" assignments which shall be for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the District and Teacher or by Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent.

FOURTH: A majority of the Board members may cancel, amend, or terminate this contract during its term for any of the following reasons:
(a) cancellation, termination, revocation or suspension of Teacher's certificate by the State Board of Education; (b) a breach of any material provision of this contract; (c) any reason set forth in this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) physical or mental incapacity; (i) immorality; and (j) any conduct that interferes substantially with the teacher's continued performance of duties. Cancellation, nonrenewal, termination, or amendment under this contract shall be governed by applicable provisions of Nebraska statute.

FIFTH: Upon termination of this contract for just cause, or upon Teacher's release from this contract, the compensation paid or to be paid hereunder shall be an amount that bears the same ratio to the yearly salary herein specified as the number of days of service to the date of such termination bears to the number of days of service in the contract year. Teacher shall refund any unearned fractional portion of an installment paid but not earned prior to termination of the contract.

SIXTH: Upon termination of this contract, Teacher shall immediately return all District property to the District.

SEVENTH: There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Teacher from this contract, provided no resignation shall become effective until the close of the school year unless it is accepted by the Board, which shall fix the time that the resignation is to take effect.

EIGHTH: This contract shall conform to the regulations governing deductions from the above-stated compensation with reference to withholding tax, social security, and any legally required deductions and deductions based on benefit elections. This contract is subject to the School Employee Retirement Act. Teacher shall be responsible to pay for damage to District property caused by the Teacher's reckless or intentional actions.

NINTH: Teacher affirms that he/she is not under contract with another school board or board of education within this state covering a part or all of the same time of performance as is contemplated by this agreement. Teacher affirms that he/she holds or will hold a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate at the beginning of the term of this contract. This contract is not valid until said certificate is registered in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and Teacher shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of the registration.

TENTH: Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any arrest, criminal charge, or criminal conviction of Teacher. Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any filing against the Teacher under section 43-247 of the Nebraska statutes or any other provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code for child abuse and/or neglect.

ELEVENTH: The compensation set forth in this agreement shall be subject to such adjustments as the Board and Teacher or Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent may agree upon from time to time.

TWELFTH: Teacher's failure to return a signed copy of the contract to the Superintendent of Schools or Secretary of the Board of Education of the District on or before **April 21, 2023** shall constitute a rejection of this offer of employment.

THIRTEENTH: Other Contract Terms: [THESE MAY INCLUDE TERMS SUCH AS RESIGNATION DEADLINES AND OTHERS NOT ALREADY COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT].

By: Eryn Hausmann Date: 04/14/2023
Teacher

By: _____ Date: _____
Board President

Attest: _____ Date: _____
Board Secretary

TEACHER'S CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made by and between the Board of Education of Sarpy County School District 77-0046, commonly known as Springfield Platteview Community Schools, referred to herein as the "Board" and "District" respectively, and Katelynn Caniglia, a legally qualified teacher, referred to herein as the "Teacher".

WITNESSETH: The Board agrees to employ Teacher above named in the schools of the District for a school year, which shall begin on or about August 9, 2023, and conclude on or about May 23, 2024, and shall consist of 184 contract days of service. Teacher accepts such employment at a salary based upon placement on **Step 3 of Lane BA** of the salary schedule.

FIRST: Teacher's salary shall be payable in 12 equal installments. The first installment shall be payable on the 20th day of September, 2023, and the remaining installments shall be payable on the 20th day of each month thereafter.

SECOND: Teacher will abide by the District's and Administration's policies, rules, regulations and directives and all state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. Teacher's duties are subject to assignment by the Administration. Teacher agrees to devote full time during days of school to his/her position in all respects and to perform the assigned duties diligently and faithfully to the best of his/her professional ability.

THIRD: In addition to the teaching duties set forth herein, Teacher may be assigned such "extra duty" assignments which shall be for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the District and Teacher or by Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent.

FOURTH: A majority of the Board members may cancel, amend, or terminate this contract during its term for any of the following reasons: (a) cancellation, termination, revocation or suspension of Teacher's certificate by the State Board of Education; (b) a breach of any material provision of this contract; (c) any reason set forth in this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) physical or mental incapacity; (i) immorality; and (j) any conduct that interferes substantially with the teacher's continued performance of duties. Cancellation, nonrenewal, termination, or amendment under this contract shall be governed by applicable provisions of Nebraska statute.

FIFTH: Upon termination of this contract for just cause, or upon Teacher's release from this contract, the compensation paid or to be paid hereunder shall be an amount that bears the same ratio to the yearly salary herein specified as the number of days of service to the date of such termination bears to the number of days of service in the contract year. Teacher shall refund any unearned fractional portion of an installment paid but not earned prior to termination of the contract.

SIXTH: Upon termination of this contract, Teacher shall immediately return all District property to the District.

SEVENTH: There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Teacher from this contract, provided no resignation shall become effective until the close of the school year unless it is accepted by the Board, which shall fix the time that the resignation is to take effect.

EIGHTH: This contract shall conform to the regulations governing deductions from the above-stated compensation with reference to withholding tax, social security, and any legally required deductions and deductions based on benefit elections. This contract is subject to the School Employee Retirement Act. Teacher shall be responsible to pay for damage to District property caused by the Teacher's reckless or intentional actions.

NINTH: Teacher affirms that he/she is not under contract with another school board or board of education within this state covering a part or all of the same time of performance as is contemplated by this agreement. Teacher affirms that he/she holds or will hold a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate at the beginning of the term of this contract. This contract is not valid until said certificate is registered in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and Teacher shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of the registration.

TENTH: Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any arrest, criminal charge, or criminal conviction of Teacher. Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any filing against the Teacher under section 43-247 of the Nebraska statutes or any other provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code for child abuse and/or neglect.

ELEVENTH: The compensation set forth in this agreement shall be subject to such adjustments as the Board and Teacher or Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent may agree upon from time to time.

TWELFTH: Teacher's failure to return a signed copy of the contract to the Superintendent of Schools or Secretary of the Board of Education of the District on or before **April 21, 2023** shall constitute a rejection of this offer of employment.

THIRTEENTH: Other Contract Terms: [THESE MAY INCLUDE TERMS SUCH AS RESIGNATION DEADLINES AND OTHERS NOT ALREADY COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT].

By: Katelynn Caniglia
Teacher

Date: 04/14/2023

By: _____
Board President

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Date: _____

TEACHER'S CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made by and between the Board of Education of Sarpy County County School District 77-0046, commonly known as Springfield Platteview Community Schools, referred to herein as the "Board" and "District" respectively, and **Douglas Smith**, a legally qualified teacher, referred to herein as the "Teacher".

WITNESSETH: The Board agrees to employ Teacher above named in the schools of the District for a school year, which shall begin on or about August 9, 2023, and conclude on or about May 23, 2024, and shall consist of 184 contract days of service. Teacher accepts such employment at a salary based upon placement on **(.54 FTE) Step 11 of Lane MA** of the salary schedule.

FIRST: Teacher's salary shall be payable in 12 equal installments. The first installment shall be payable on the 20th day of September, 2023, and the remaining installments shall be payable on the 20th day of each month thereafter.

SECOND: Teacher will abide by the District's and Administration's policies, rules, regulations and directives and all state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. Teacher's duties are subject to assignment by the Administration. Teacher agrees to devote full time during days of school to his/her position in all respects and to perform the assigned duties diligently and faithfully to the best of his/her professional ability.

THIRD: In addition to the teaching duties set forth herein, Teacher may be assigned such "extra duty" assignments which shall be for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the District and Teacher or by Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent.

FOURTH: A majority of the Board members may cancel, amend, or terminate this contract during its term for any of the following reasons:
(a) cancellation, termination, revocation or suspension of Teacher's certificate by the State Board of Education; (b) a breach of any material provision of this contract; (c) any reason set forth in this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) physical or mental incapacity; (i) immorality; and (j) any conduct that interferes substantially with the teacher's continued performance of duties. Cancellation, nonrenewal, termination, or amendment under this contract shall be governed by applicable provisions of Nebraska statute.

FIFTH: Upon termination of this contract for just cause, or upon Teacher's release from this contract, the compensation paid or to be paid hereunder shall be an amount that bears the same ratio to the yearly salary herein specified as the number of days of service to the date of such termination bears to the number of days of service in the contract year. Teacher shall refund any unearned fractional portion of an installment paid but not earned prior to termination of the contract.

SIXTH: Upon termination of this contract, Teacher shall immediately return all District property to the District.

SEVENTH: There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Teacher from this contract, provided no resignation shall become effective until the close of the school year unless it is accepted by the Board, which shall fix the time that the resignation is to take effect.

EIGHTH: This contract shall conform to the regulations governing deductions from the above-stated compensation with reference to withholding tax, social security, and any legally required deductions and deductions based on benefit elections. This contract is subject to the School Employee Retirement Act. Teacher shall be responsible to pay for damage to District property caused by the Teacher's reckless or intentional actions.

NINTH: Teacher affirms that he/she is not under contract with another school board or board of education within this state covering a part or all of the same time of performance as is contemplated by this agreement. Teacher affirms that he/she holds or will hold a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate at the beginning of the term of this contract. This contract is not valid until said certificate is registered in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and Teacher shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of the registration.

TENTH: Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any arrest, criminal charge, or criminal conviction of Teacher. Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any filing against the Teacher under section 43-247 of the Nebraska statutes or any other provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code for child abuse and/or neglect.

ELEVENTH: The compensation set forth in this agreement shall be subject to such adjustments as the Board and Teacher or Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent may agree upon from time to time.

TWELFTH: Teacher's failure to return a signed copy of the contract to the Superintendent of Schools or Secretary of the Board of Education of the District on or before **April 28, 2023** shall constitute a rejection of this offer of employment.

THIRTEENTH: Other Contract Terms: [THESE MAY INCLUDE TERMS SUCH AS RESIGNATION DEADLINES AND OTHERS NOT ALREADY COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT].

By: _____
Teacher

Date: _____

By: _____
Board President

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Date: _____

TEACHER'S CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT is made by and between the Board of Education of Sarpy County County School District 77-0046, commonly known as Springfield Platteview Community Schools, referred to herein as the "Board" and "District" respectively, and **McKenna Pollock**, a legally qualified teacher, referred to herein as the "Teacher".

WITNESSETH: The Board agrees to employ Teacher above named in the schools of the District for a school year, which shall begin on or about August 9, 2023, and conclude on or about May 23, 2024, and shall consist of 184 contract days of service. Teacher accepts such employment at a salary based upon placement on **Step 3 of Lane BA** of the salary schedule.

FIRST: Teacher's salary shall be payable in 12 equal installments. The first installment shall be payable on the 20th day of September, 2023, and the remaining installments shall be payable on the 20th day of each month thereafter.

SECOND: Teacher will abide by the District's and Administration's policies, rules, regulations and directives and all state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations. Teacher's duties are subject to assignment by the Administration. Teacher agrees to devote full time during days of school to his/her position in all respects and to perform the assigned duties diligently and faithfully to the best of his/her professional ability.

THIRD: In addition to the teaching duties set forth herein, Teacher may be assigned such "extra duty" assignments which shall be for such compensation as may be agreed upon by the District and Teacher or by Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent.

FOURTH: A majority of the Board members may cancel, amend, or terminate this contract during its term for any of the following reasons:
(a) cancellation, termination, revocation or suspension of Teacher's certificate by the State Board of Education; (b) a breach of any material provision of this contract; (c) any reason set forth in this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) physical or mental incapacity; (i) immorality; and (j) any conduct that interferes substantially with the teacher's continued performance of duties. Cancellation, nonrenewal, termination, or amendment under this contract shall be governed by applicable provisions of Nebraska statute.

FIFTH: Upon termination of this contract for just cause, or upon Teacher's release from this contract, the compensation paid or to be paid hereunder shall be an amount that bears the same ratio to the yearly salary herein specified as the number of days of service to the date of such termination bears to the number of days of service in the contract year. Teacher shall refund any unearned fractional portion of an installment paid but not earned prior to termination of the contract.

SIXTH: Upon termination of this contract, Teacher shall immediately return all District property to the District.

SEVENTH: There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Teacher from this contract, provided no resignation shall become effective until the close of the school year unless it is accepted by the Board, which shall fix the time that the resignation is to take effect.

EIGHTH: This contract shall conform to the regulations governing deductions from the above-stated compensation with reference to withholding tax, social security, and any legally required deductions and deductions based on benefit elections. This contract is subject to the School Employee Retirement Act. Teacher shall be responsible to pay for damage to District property caused by the Teacher's reckless or intentional actions.

NINTH: Teacher affirms that he/she is not under contract with another school board or board of education within this state covering a part or all of the same time of performance as is contemplated by this agreement. Teacher affirms that he/she holds or will hold a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate at the beginning of the term of this contract. This contract is not valid until said certificate is registered in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, and Teacher shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of the registration.

TENTH: Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any arrest, criminal charge, or criminal conviction of Teacher. Teacher shall report to the District within 24 hours any filing against the Teacher under section 43-247 of the Nebraska statutes or any other provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code for child abuse and/or neglect.

ELEVENTH: The compensation set forth in this agreement shall be subject to such adjustments as the Board and Teacher or Teacher's duly authorized bargaining agent may agree upon from time to time.

TWELFTH: Teacher's failure to return a signed copy of the contract to the Superintendent of Schools or Secretary of the Board of Education of the District on or before **April 24, 2023** shall constitute a rejection of this offer of employment.

THIRTEENTH: Other Contract Terms: [THESE MAY INCLUDE TERMS SUCH AS RESIGNATION DEADLINES AND OTHERS NOT ALREADY COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT].

By: McKenna Pollock
Teacher

Date: 04/20/23

By: _____
Board President

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Board Secretary

Date: _____

DISTRICT NURSE CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT made by and between the Springfield Platteview Community Schools, in the County of Sarpy, in the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as the District and **Kelli L. Haynes**, a legally qualified teacher, hereinafter referred to as Nurse.

WITNESSETH: That the Board of Education of the District (Board) hereby agrees to employ the Nurse above named in the schools of the District for one year, which shall begin on or about September 1, 2023, and end on or about August 31, 2024, and shall consist of at least 207 contract days and that the Nurse hereby agrees to accept such employment at a rate of **\$57,000/year** and under the following conditions.

FIRST: The first payment shall be made on the 20th day of September, 2023, and the remaining payments shall be made on the 20th day of each month thereafter.

SECOND: The Nurse hereby agrees to be governed by the policies of the Board and the rules, regulations, and directives of the Administration and that the duties to be performed by him/her under this contract shall be subject to assignment of the Superintendent of the District (Superintendent) with the approval of the Board; and further agrees to devote full time, during days of school to his/her position in all respects, to diligently and faithfully perform the assigned duties as Nurse to the best of his/her professional ability.

THIRD: In addition to the nursing duties set forth herein, the Nurse may be assigned such "extra duty" assignments which shall be upon such terms and conditions and at such additional stated rate of compensation as established by the Superintendent.

FOURTH: The Board may cancel, amend, or terminate (if tenured) this contract for cause during its term for any of the following reasons: (a) cancellation, termination, revocation or suspension of the Nurse's certificate by the State Board of Education; (b) a breach of any material provision of this contract; (c) any reason set forth in this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) physical or mental incapacity; (i) immorality; and (j) any conduct that interferes substantially with the Nurse's continued performance of duties. Cancellation, nonrenewal, termination, or amendment under this contract shall be governed by applicable provisions of Nebraska statute.

FIFTH: That upon termination of this contract for cause, or upon the release of the Nurse from this contract, the compensation paid or to be paid hereunder shall be the days actually worked at the Nurse's per diem rate.

SIXTH: There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Nurse from this contract; provided no resignation shall become effective until the end of the then-current contract term unless accepted by the Board and the Board shall fix the time at which the resignation is to take effect.

SEVENTH: This contract shall conform to the regulation governing deductions from the above stated compensation with reference to Withholding Tax, Social Security and School Employees Retirement Act. Other deductions may be withheld as agreed to by the parties to this contract.

EIGHTH: The Nurse hereby affirms that he/she is not under contract with another School Board or Board of Education within this State covering a part or all of the same time of performance as is contemplated by this contract. The Nurse further affirms that at the beginning of the term of this contract he/she holds or will hold a valid Nebraska Special Services Certificate. It is understood and agreed that this contract is not valid until the Certificate, as herein listed, is registered in the office of the Superintendent and that the Nurse shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of registration of this certificate.

NINTH: Terms and conditions set forth in this contract shall be subject to such wages and conditions of employment as may, from time to time, be mutually agreed upon by and between the Board and Nurse or a duly recognized collective bargaining agent for said Nurse, and said agreement, when reduced to writing, and executed by the parties, shall be deemed to be included herein by reference and shall become a part hereof.

TENTH: Nurse's failure to return a signed copy of the contract or a renewal agreement for subsequent contract years to the Superintendent on or before the date specified in writing pursuant to section 79-829, shall constitute a rejection of this offer of employment and may subject the Nurse to termination or nonrenewal of contract.

ELEVENTH: Other Contract Terms:

* **Benefits as listed on Classified Rate Schedule**

Executed _____, 2023.

District Nurse

Board Approved April 25, 2022.

Springfield Platteview Community Schools, County of Sarpy.

By _____
President, Board of Education

Attest: _____
Secretary, Board of Education

4002 Drug Free Workplace

It is vitally important to have a healthy workforce that is free from the effects of illegal drugs. The use or possession of unlawful drugs in the workplace has a very detrimental effect upon safety and morale of the affected employee, coworkers, and the public at large; and on productivity and the quality of work.

Federal law requires this school district, as a recipient of federal funds, to maintain a drug-free workplace. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the district's workplace is prohibited. The term "workplace" includes every location where district employees may be found during their working hours or while they are on duty, regardless of whether the location is within the geographic boundaries of the district. Any employee who violates this policy will be disciplined with measures up to and including discharge. The district may, in its sole discretion, require or allow an employee who violates this policy to participate in and satisfactorily complete a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program.

The district shall provide every current employee with a copy of this policy, and shall provide each newly hired employee with a copy upon hiring. Every employee shall be required to signify receipt of a copy of the policy in writing. All district employees must abide by this policy, including those who are not directly engaged in the performance of work pursuant to a federal grant.

An employee must notify his/her supervisor of any conviction of a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace within five days. The failure to report such a conviction will be grounds for dismissal. If the employee convicted of such an offense is engaged in the performance of work pursuant to the provisions of a federal grant, the district shall notify the grant agency within 10 days of receiving notice of a conviction from the affected employee or of receiving actual notice of such a conviction.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

4003 Drug Policy Regarding Drivers

Policy Statement. Drivers for the school district must be free from drug and alcohol abuse, and the use of illegal drugs or improper use of alcohol is prohibited. The overall goal of drug and alcohol testing is to insure a drug-free and alcohol-free transportation environment, and to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities.

Designated Contact. The school district has designated the Superintendent as the individual any driver may contact with questions about this policy or the school district's drug testing program and procedures for drivers. This individual further maintains and will provide drivers informational materials concerning the effects of alcohol and controlled substances use on an individual's health, work, and personal life; signs and symptoms of an alcohol or a controlled substances problem (the driver's or a co-worker's); and available methods of intervening when an alcohol or controlled substances problem is suspected, including confrontation, referral to any employee assistance program and/or referral to management.

The Superintendent may be contacted at 402-592-1300.

Covered Drivers. Any person who operates a commercial motor vehicle on behalf of the school district is covered by this policy and the school district's drug testing program and procedures for drivers. All covered drivers must provide the school district a signed statement certifying that he or she has received a copy of this policy and related materials.

Covered Workday. A driver is required to comply with this policy and the terms of the school district's drug testing program and procedures for drivers at all times they are assigned, or may be assigned, to perform safety-sensitive functions. This includes all time from the time a driver begins to work or is required to be in readiness to work until the time he/she is relieved from work and all responsibility for performing work. Safety-sensitive functions include: (1) all time at a school district facility or property, contractor facility or property, or on any public property, waiting to be dispatched, unless the driver has been relieved from duty by the school district; (2) all time inspecting equipment as required by state or federal law or regulation and any and all other time inspecting, servicing, or conditioning any commercial motor vehicle; (3) all time spent at the driving controls of a commercial motor vehicle in operation; (4) all time, other than driving time, in or upon any commercial motor vehicle; (5) all time loading or unloading a vehicle, supervising, or assisting in the loading or unloading, attending a vehicle being loaded or unloaded, remaining in readiness to operate the

vehicle, or in giving or receiving receipts for shipments loaded or unloaded; and (6) all time repairing, obtaining assistance, or remaining in attendance upon a disabled vehicle.

Prohibited Conduct. No driver shall: (1) report for duty or remain on duty requiring the performance of safety-sensitive functions while having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater; (2) use alcohol while performing safety-sensitive functions; (3) perform safety-sensitive functions within four hours after using alcohol; or (4) refuse to submit to a pre-employment controlled substance, a post-accident alcohol or controlled substance test, a random alcohol or controlled substances test, a reasonable suspicion alcohol or controlled substance test, a return-to-duty alcohol or controlled substances test, or a follow-up alcohol or controlled substance test required under state or federal law or this policy. No driver required to take a post-accident alcohol test shall use alcohol for eight hours following the accident, or until he/she undergoes a post-accident alcohol test, whichever occurs first.

No driver shall: (1) report for duty or remain on duty requiring the performance of safety sensitive functions when the driver uses any drug or substance identified in 31 CFR 1308.11 Schedule 1; (2) report for duty or remain on duty requiring the performance of safety-sensitive functions when the driver uses any non-Schedule I drug or substance that is identified in the other Schedules in 21 CFR part 1308 except when the use is pursuant to the instructions of a licensed medical practitioner who is familiar with the driver's medical history and has advised the driver that the substance will not adversely affect the driver's ability to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle; or (3) report for duty, remain on duty or perform a safety-sensitive function, if the driver tests positive or has adulterated or substituted a test specimen for controlled substances.

Types of Testing. Pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Department of Transportation (DOT), the district has implemented four types of testing: (1) pre-employment testing, (2) reasonable cause testing, (3) post-accident testing and (4) random testing.

Refusal to Submit to Testing. A driver shall not refuse to submit to testing. A driver will be considered to have refused to submit to testing if the driver fails to provide a sample or specimen necessary for testing upon a lawful request, consistent with the required testing protocols. The refusal to submit to the testing used by the district will be grounds for refusal to hire driver applicants and to terminate the employment of existing drivers.

Consequences for Violations. Any driver who becomes unqualified on the basis of violation of the terms of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action which may include termination of the driver's employment, and shall include the immediate removal from safety-sensitive functions in compliance with federal law. No driver tested pursuant to this policy and the school district's drug testing program and procedures who is found to have an alcohol concentration of 0.02 or greater but less than 0.04 shall perform or continue to perform safety-sensitive functions until the start of the driver's next regularly scheduled duty period, but not less than 24 hours following administration of the test.

Return to Duty Process. A driver who has violated this policy or the school district drug testing program and procedures cannot again perform any safety-sensitive functions until and unless the employee completes the return-to-duty process, including the substance-abuse professional's (SAP) evaluation, referral, and recommended education or treatment. The school district will provide employees the relevant contact information for available and acceptable SAPs as necessary, but the school district is not required under the law to provide a SAP evaluation or any subsequent recommended education or treatment for a driver. Any driver completing the return-to-duty process must complete a return-to-duty test and test negatively.

Disqualification. Any applicant who tests positive for the presence of the following drugs is medically unqualified to drive and will not be considered for the position of driver: (1) marijuana, (2) cocaine, (3) opiates, (4) amphetamines, or (5) phencyclidine (PCP). Any district driver who tests positive shall be medically unqualified and removed from service immediately.

Pre-employment Testing. All applicants for employment must submit to drug and alcohol tests as a condition of being considered for employment.

Reasonable Cause Testing. The district shall have reasonable cause to require a driver to submit to drug testing when a driver manifests physical or physiological symptoms or reactions commonly attributed to the use of controlled substances or alcohol.

Post-Accident Testing. A driver who has been involved in a reportable accident must submit to drug and alcohol testing as soon as possible. A reportable accident includes any accident in which there is a fatality, a person is injured and must be treated away from the accident site, the driver receives a citation for a moving violation, or a vehicle is towed from the

scene. The driver must notify the district immediately regarding any reportable accident.

Serious Injury to the Driver. If a driver is so seriously injured that he or she cannot submit to testing at or immediately after the time of the accident, the driver must provide the necessary authorization for the district to obtain hospital reports or other documents that would indicate whether there were controlled substances or alcohol in the driver's system.

Random Testing. All drivers will be subject to unannounced random testing for drugs and alcohol. The district or its agents will periodically select drivers at random for testing. A district official will notify a driver when his or her name has been selected and will instruct the driver to report immediately for testing. By its very nature, random selection may result in one driver being tested more than once in a 12-month period, while another driver may not be selected at all during the same 12 months.

Frequency of Random Testing. Under DOT regulations, the district must test at least 50 percent of its average number of driver positions for drugs and 25 percent of its average number of driver positions for alcohol each year. The tests must be unannounced and spread evenly throughout the year. DOT regulations also require that every driver selected at random must have his or her name placed back in the random pool for the next selection period.

Testing Procedure. All urine and blood specimens collected under the policy will be submitted to an approved laboratory for testing. Specimens that initially test positive for drugs will be subjected to a subsequent confirmation test before being reported by the laboratory as positive. All such specimens collected and submitted will be maintained securely to safeguard the validity of the test results and maintain the integrity of the testing process while ensuring the results are attributed to the correct driver.

Medical Resource Officer. All laboratory test results will be reported by the laboratory to a medical review officer (MRO) designated by the district. Negative test results will be reported as such by the MRO to the district. Before reporting a positive test result to the district, the MRO will attempt to contact the driver to discuss the test result. If the MRO is unable to contact the driver directly, the MRO will contact a district official designated in advance by the district, who shall in turn contact the driver and direct the driver to contact the MRO. Upon being so directed, the driver shall contact the MRO immediately or, if after the MRO's business hours and the MRO is unavailable, at the start of the MRO's next business day. If required by DOT regulations, personal information collected and maintained pursuant to this

policy shall be reported to the Clearinghouse by the MRO in the event of: (1) a verified positive, adulterated, or substituted drug test result; (2) an alcohol confirmation test with a concentration of 0.04 or higher; (3) a refusal to submit to any test required by this policy and the school district's drug testing program and procedures; (4) an employer's report of actual knowledge that a driver has used alcohol or controlled substances based on the employer's direct observation of the employee, information provided by the driver's previous employer(s), a traffic citation for driving a CMV while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances or an employee's admission of alcohol or controlled substance use; (5) on duty alcohol use as prohibited above; (6) pre-duty alcohol use as prohibited above; (7) alcohol use following an accident as prohibited above; (8) controlled substance use as prohibited above; (9) a substance abuse professional report of the successful completion of the return-to-duty process; (10) a negative return-to-duty test; and (11) an employer's report of completion of follow-up testing.

Confidentiality. Pursuant to DOT regulations, individual test results for applicants and drivers will be released to the district and will be kept confidential unless the tested individual consents to their release or release is required by law (such as the release of information to the Clearinghouse.) Any person who has submitted to drug testing in compliance with this policy is entitled to receive the results of such testing upon timely written request.

Retesting. An individual who tested positive for the presence of drugs may request that the original sample be retested. The request for a retest must be submitted in writing on a form provided by the district within 3 working days of the district's notification to the individual that he or she has a positive test result. The individual making the request must pay all costs associated with the retest and transfer of the sample to another laboratory before the retest will be performed.

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4004 Employment of Relatives, Domestic Partners and Significant Others

It is in the school district's best interest to hire the best qualified candidate for employment. However, the district must use sound judgment in hiring and placing employees who are closely related, reside together as domestic partners, or are involved in close relationships for the following reasons: avoiding conflict of interest and the appearance of a conflict of interest; avoiding favoritism and the appearance of favoritism; promoting collegiality among employees; minimizing lost productivity; easing the task of managing employees; avoiding friction and conflict when marriages or relationships break down; and avoiding claims of sexual harassment.

For the purposes of this policy, the term "relative" refers to a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle, first cousin, or corresponding in-law or "step" relation. "Domestic partner" refers to individuals who reside in the same household and are involved in a relationship, who may hold themselves out to the public as marital partners, but who are not legally married. "Significant others" refers to individuals who are dating or engaged to be married but may or may not reside together. This policy applies to all categories of employment including regular, temporary, and part-time classifications.

Generally, an employee's relative, domestic partner, or significant other should not be hired to work in the same department as the employee or in any other position in which the district believes a conflict or the appearance of a conflict may exist. Relatives, domestic partners, and significant others are permitted to work at the district provided one does not report directly to, supervise, or manage the other. The superintendent and/or board may make exceptions to this general rule.

Employees in a supervisory-subordinate relationship or employed in the same department who marry, become domestic partners, or become significant others while employed will be treated in accordance with these guidelines, and one of the employees will be transferred at the earliest practicable time. The transfer will be voluntary when possible. When a voluntary transfer is not possible, the superintendent will make the decision based upon the importance of each job, the needs of the district, and the availability of candidates to fill either position. The district shall endeavor to place the transferred

employee in a position which is similar in terms of pay and benefits. The superintendent and/or board may make exceptions to this general rule.

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4005

Communication Between the Board and District Employees

Employees have the same right to communicate with the board about matters of public concern as other patrons of the district. Regarding employment-related issues, employees must follow the applicable board policies and/or contractual procedures regarding the administrative chain of command, complaints, grievances and other applicable processes.

When appropriate, the superintendent shall inform employees of official board policies, directives, actions and concerns.

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4006
Insurance

The school district shall provide workers' compensation insurance for the protection of the district and its employees, and such other insurance as the board deems appropriate or has agreed to provide pursuant to a contract or collective bargaining agreement.

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4007
Personnel Records

The district shall maintain a personnel file regarding each employee. All materials in a personnel file, except for employment references and information that was gathered in the process of assessing an applicant for hiring, shall be available to the employee for review within a reasonable period of time of the employee's request. Employees (or individuals to whom employees have given written authorization) may inspect the contents of their personnel files only in the presence of an administrator or a person designated by the administration.

An employee may respond to any document(s) in his or her personnel file by submitting a written response to the person responsible for keeping the file, who shall attach the response to file copies of the disputed document.

No person other than school officials engaged in their professional duties shall be granted access to employees' personnel files, and the contents of such files shall not be divulged in any manner to any unauthorized person. An attorney acting on behalf of the board of education or administration is deemed to be a school official.

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4008
Outside Employment

1. An employee's responsibilities to the district take precedence over personal responsibilities during school hours. Employees may not engage in other employment business activity during assigned duty hours.
2. Tutoring
 - a. Teachers are expected to assist students who are having learning problems as part of the teachers' employment. Such assistance is expected both in the classroom and at other times during the school day.
 - b. A teacher shall not solicit a student or parent to retain the teacher as a tutor and shall not act as a tutor for pay or other remuneration for any student who is then enrolled in any class taught by that teacher.
 - c. In all other cases during the school year, a teacher may act as a tutor for pay or other remuneration upon prior approval of the building principal and superintendent or designee.
3. Employees shall attend to personal matters outside their assigned duty hours with the district whenever possible.
4. Employees may conduct business on behalf of the district during assigned duty hours, but at times that do not disrupt or interfere with teaching responsibilities or student activities.
5. Employees shall not misrepresent, either expressly or by implication, that any activity, solicitation, or other endeavor is sponsored, sanctioned, or endorsed by the district.
6. In any written or verbal presentation by an employee that might be perceived as being sanctioned, sponsored, or endorsed by the district, other than district-related instruction or presentation to district students or personnel, the employee shall communicate to the audience or recipients that the views expressed are those of the employee and not necessarily those of the district or board.

7. Sale of goods or services by employees.
 - a. Employees shall not sell, solicit or promote the sale of goods or services to students.
 - b. Employees shall not sell, solicit or promote the sale of goods or services to parents of students when the employee's relationship with the district is used to influence any sale or may be reasonably perceived by parents as attempting to influence any sale.
 - c. Employees with supervisory or managerial responsibilities shall not sell, solicit or promote the sale of goods or services to employees over whom they have such responsibilities in any manner that could reasonably be perceived as coercive by the subordinate employee(s).
 - d. Employees shall not use employee, student, or parent directories in connection with the solicitation, sale, or promotion of goods or services and shall not provide any such directory to any person or entity for any purpose without the prior knowledge or approval of the building principal.
8. No school board member, administrator, teacher, or other employee shall use the personnel, facilities, resources, equipment, property, or funds of the district for personal financial gain or business activities.
9. All written or artistic works, instructional materials, inventions, procedures, ideas, innovations, systems, programs, or other work product created or developed by any employee in the course and scope of performance of his or her employment duties on behalf of the district, whether published or not, shall be the exclusive property of the district; and the district has the sole right to sell, license, assign, or transfer any and all right, title, or interest in and to such property.
10. Staff may not exploit their professional relationships for personal gain.

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4009
Restrictions on Employees Receiving Gratuities

An employee who, because of his or her employment by the school district, receives any bonus merchandise or gift with a value over \$100.00 must disclose the receipt of such gift to the superintendent, who will then report that gift to the board. The superintendent, at his or her discretion, may require that the gift become the property of the district. No certificated staff member may accept any gift which will impair the professional judgment of the recipient.

Employees are directed to discourage merchants from offering bonus paraphernalia in exchange for the school's patronage.

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4010
Inclement Weather

Unless the superintendent directs otherwise, the following personnel shall report to work when school is canceled because of inclement weather: the superintendent, directors, principals, secretaries, and custodians/maintenance staff.

If school is canceled during the day because of inclement weather, classified and certified personnel not listed above may be released after students have been excused. Classified and certified personnel who miss work due to inclement weather when school is in session will not be paid for time missed or will be charged an applicable leave day.

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4011
Employee Leave Under the Family and Medical Leave Act
(FMLA)

The school district shall provide leave to its employees in accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA"). The terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them under the FMLA. Employees may also qualify for leave under the Nebraska Family Military Leave Act, which is covered under the district's policy for that law. If an employee qualifies for leave under both the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Nebraska Military Leave Act, any leave taken by the employee will count concurrently toward the leave limits of both acts.

I. Qualifying for Leave

A. Qualified Employees

1. To be eligible for *unpaid* leave under this policy, an employee must:
 - a. Make the request for leave at a time when the school district employs 50 or more workers;
 - b. Have been working for the school district for at least 12 months prior to the request; and
 - c. Have worked a minimum of 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately preceding the commencement of the leave.
2. The applicable 12-month period for computing an employee's entitlement to FMLA leave shall be the 12-month period measured forward from the date such employee's first FMLA leave begins.
3. Employees ineligible for FMLA leave for any reason may be eligible for leave under the Nebraska Family Military Leave Act and should consult policy 4011.1.

B. Qualified Circumstances Necessitating Leave

1. The school district will grant an eligible employee up to a total of 12 workweeks of **unpaid** leave under the following conditions:
 - a. For birth of a son or daughter, and to care for the newborn child;
 - b. For placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care;
 - c. To care for the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent with a serious health condition;
 - d. Because of a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the functions of his or her job;
 - e. Because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a Military Member on Covered Active Duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to Covered Active Duty) in National Guard, Reserves, and/or Regular Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation; or

2. The school district will grant an eligible employee who is the spouse, son, daughter, parent or next of kin of a Covered Servicemember a total of 26 workweeks of **unpaid** leave during a 12-month period to care for the service member as permitted under the FMLA. The leave described in this paragraph shall only be available during a single 12-month period.

For purposes of this provision and this policy, "Covered Servicemember" includes both Military Members and covered Veterans, so long as the

covered Veteran was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered Veteran.

3. During the single 12-month period described in paragraph I(B)(2), an eligible employee shall be entitled to a combined total of 26 workweeks of leave under paragraphs I(B)(1) and I(B)(2). Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the availability of leave under paragraph I(B)(1) during any other 12-month period.

C. Limitations on Leave

1. Leave for birth or placement for adoption or foster care must conclude within 12 months of the birth or placement.
2. In any case in which a husband and wife both employed by the school district are entitled to FMLA leave:
 - a. The aggregate number of workweeks of FMLA leave to which both are entitled is limited to 12 during any 12-month period if such leave is taken (i) because of the birth of a son or daughter of the employee and in order to care for such son or daughter; (ii) because of the placement of a son or daughter with the employee for adoption or foster care; or (iii) to care for a sick parent who has a serious health condition; and
 - b. The aggregate number of workweeks of FMLA leave to which both that husband and wife are entitled is limited to 26 during the single 12-month period in which leave is taken to care for a Covered Servicemember and the husband and wife employees are both

either the son, daughter, parent, or next of kin of such Covered Servicemember, if the leave is taken for this reason or a combination of this reason and one of the three reasons described in paragraph I(C)(2)(a). If the leave taken by the husband and wife includes leave described in paragraph I(C)(2)(a), the limitation in paragraph I(C)(2)(a) shall apply to the leave described in I(C)(2)(a).

D. Qualifying Notice and Certification

Employees seeking to use FMLA leave will be required to provide:

1. 30-day advance notice when the need to take the leave is foreseeable; provided, if (a) the leave is for needed treatment which is required to begin in less than thirty days or (b) the leave is for the reason set forth in paragraph I(B)(1)(e), the employee shall provide such notice to the school district as is reasonable and practical;
2. Medical certification supporting the need for leave due to a Serious Health Condition affecting the employee or family member or to care for a Military Member, and/or due to a Serious Injury or Illness to care for a Veteran;
3. Second or third medical opinions and periodic re-certifications (at the school district's expense);
4. Certification supporting the need for leave because of a qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter or parent is a Military Member on Covered Active Duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to Covered Active Duty) in the National Guard, Reserves, and/or

Regular Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation;

5. Certification supporting the need for leave to care for a Veteran who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered Veteran, and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a Serious Injury or Illness; and
6. Periodic reports during leave, at a frequency reasonably requested by the superintendent, regarding the employee's status and intent to return to work.

E. Scheduling Leave

When leave is needed to care for a family member, for the employee's own illness, or to care for a Covered Servicemember, and such leave is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment, the employee must attempt to schedule treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the school district's operations.

II. Relationship with District During Leave

A. Leave to Be Unpaid

All leave provided to employees under the provisions of the FMLA and this policy shall be unpaid leave.

B. Substitution of Paid Leave

1. The school district requires employees to substitute any accrued paid vacation leave, paid personal leave, paid family leave, paid medical leave or paid sick leave for FMLA leave. However, nothing in this policy shall require the school district to provide paid sick or medical leave in any situation in which the

school district would not normally provide such paid leave.

2. If an employee uses paid leave under circumstances which do not qualify as FMLA leave, the leave will not count against the number of workweeks of FMLA leave to which the employee is entitled.
3. Any paid leave which is substituted for FMLA leave will be subtracted from the number of workweeks of unpaid leave provided by the FMLA and this policy.

C. Group Health Plan Benefits

1. The school district will continue group health plan benefits on the same basis as coverage would have been provided if the employee had been continuously employed during the FMLA leave period.
2. Any share of health plan premiums which have been paid by the employee prior to FMLA leave must continue to be paid by the employee during the FMLA leave period.

D. Intermittent or Reduced-Schedule Leave

1. Leave may be taken under this policy intermittently or on a reduced-leave schedule under certain circumstances.
 - a. When leave is taken because of a birth or because of a placement of a child for adoption or foster care, an eligible employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced-leave schedule only with the agreement of the school district. In such a case, the superintendent shall have the authority to approve or disapprove such intermittent or reduced leave schedule, in the superintendent's sole discretion.

- b. When leave is taken to care for a sick family member, for an employee's own serious health condition, or to care for a covered Veteran or Military Member, an eligible employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced-leave schedule when medically necessary.
- c. When leave is taken by an eligible employee because of any qualifying exigency arising out of the fact that the employee's spouse, son, daughter, or parent is a Military Member on Covered Active Duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to Covered Active Duty) in National Guard, Reserves, and/or Regular Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation, the employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced-leave schedule.
- d. When leave is taken by an eligible employee to care for a Covered Servicemember, including a Veteran who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable at any time during the five-year period prior to the first date the eligible employee takes FMLA leave to care for the covered Veteran, and who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy for a Serious Injury or Illness
- e. Intermittent or reduced leave shall not result in a reduction in the employee's total amount of leave beyond the amount of leave actually taken.
- f. When an instructional employee seeks to take intermittent leave in connection with a family or personal illness (e.g. physical therapy or periodic care for a sick relative) or to care for a covered Veteran

or Military Member, and when such leave would constitute at least 20 percent of the total number of working days in the period during which the leave would extend, the school district may require the employee to elect to take leave in a block, instead of intermittently, for the entire period or to transfer to an available alternative position within the school system that is equivalent in pay, for which the employee is qualified, and which better accommodates the intermittent leave.

2. If an eligible employee requests intermittent leave or leave on a reduced-leave schedule that is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment, including during a period of recovery from a serious health condition, the school district may require the employee to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position for which the employee is qualified and which better accommodates recurring periods of leave than does the employee's regular position. Such alternative position must have equivalent pay and benefits as the employee's permanent position.
3. Leave taken on an intermittent or reduced-schedule basis will be tracked hourly.

III. Return from Leave

A. Restoration to Position

1. On return from FMLA leave, an employee is entitled to be returned to the same position the employee held when leave commenced, or to an equivalent position with equivalent benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment.
2. Any leave taken under this policy will not result in the loss of any employment benefits accrued

prior to the date on which the leave commenced.

3. An eligible employee is not entitled to accrual of any seniority or employment benefits during any period of leave, or any right, benefit, or position of employment other than to which the employee would have been entitled had the employee not taken leave.

B. Denial of Restoration

1. The school district reserves the right to deny restoration to any eligible employee who is a "key employee" (that is an employee who is salaried and among the highest paid 10% of the employees of the school district) if such denial is necessary to prevent substantial and grievous economic injury to the operations of the school district.
2. If the school district intends to deny restoration to such an employee, it will:
 - a. notify the employee of his/her status as a "key employee" in response to the employee's notice of intent to take FMLA leave;
 - b. notify the employee as soon as the school district decides it will deny job restoration and explain the reasons for this decision;
 - c. offer the employee a reasonable opportunity to return to work from FMLA leave after giving this notice; and
 - d. make a final determination as to whether reinstatement will be denied at the end of the leave period if the employee then requests restoration.

C. Failure to Return from Leave

- a. If an employee fails to return from FMLA leave after the period of leave to which the employee is entitled has expired, the employee shall reimburse the district for any premiums the employer paid for maintaining health insurance coverage for the employee during the employee's FMLA leave unless the reason the employee does not return is due to: (1) the continuation, recurrence, or onset of the serious health condition which entitled the employee to FMLA leave and the employee provides the district with sufficient certification from the proper health care provider of such continuation, recurrence, or onset of the serious health condition or (2) other circumstances beyond the employee's control.

IV. Notice to Employees

- A. The school district will post in conspicuous places where employees are employed notices explaining the FMLA and providing information concerning the procedures for filing complaints of FMLA violations with the U.S. Wage and Hour Division.
- B. When an employee provides notice of the need for FMLA leave, the school district shall provide the employee with a copy of the "section 301(c) notice" which is attached to this policy.
- C. To the extent that any provision in this policy is in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder, the Act and regulations shall prevail over the provisions of this policy. The school district reserves the right to modify this policy from time to time in its sole discretion.

D. Employees may direct any questions or concerns regarding FMLA leave to the superintendent.

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4011.1
Nebraska Family Military Leave Act

The school district shall provide leave to its employees in accordance with the Nebraska Family Military Leave Act (NFMLA). The terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them under the NFMLA. Employees may also qualify for leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which is detailed in the district's FMLA policy. If an employee qualifies for leave under both the FMLA and NFMLA, any leave taken by the employee will count concurrently toward the leave limits of both.

I. Qualifying for Leave

A. Qualified Employees

To be eligible for unpaid leave under the NFMLA, an employee must:

1. Have been working for the school district for at least 12 months prior to the request; and
2. Have worked a minimum of 1,250 hours during the 12-month period immediately preceding the commencement of the leave.

B. Qualified Circumstances for Requesting Leave

The school district will grant a qualified employee up to a total of 30 days of unpaid leave if:

1. The employee is the spouse or parent of a person called to military service lasting 179 days or longer with the state or United States pursuant to orders of the Governor or the President of the United States and;
2. The leave is scheduled to be taken during the time federal or state deployment orders are in effect.

C. Qualifying Notice and Certification

Employees seeking to use the NFMLA will be required to provide:

- a. A consultation with the District to schedule leave so as not to unduly disrupt the operations of the school.
- b. Certification from the proper military authority to verify the employee's eligibility for the family military leave requested.
- c. 14-day advance notice of the intended date upon which the leave will begin, if leave will consist of five or more work days.
- d. As much advance notice as possible of the intended date upon which the leave will commence, if leave will consist of less than five work days.

II. Relationship with District During Leave

A. Leave to Be Unpaid

All leave provided to employees under the provisions of the NFMLA and this policy shall be unpaid leave.

B. Benefits

1. Taking leave under the NFMLA shall not result in the loss of any employee benefit accrued before the date on which the leave commenced.
2. Any employee who takes leave under the NFMLA will be permitted to continue their benefits at their own expense.
3. Payment for benefits must be made to the district in advance of the date on which they are due. For example, if health insurance premiums are paid to the carrier by the district on the 1st of the month, the employee taking leave under the NFMLA must

provide the full cost of the premium to the district prior to that date. Failure to provide the full costs for all benefits the employee wishes to continue in advance of their due date may result in cancellation of benefits as permitted by law.

III. Return from Leave

A. Restoration to Position

1. Any employee who exercises the right to leave under the NFMLA shall be restored by the district to the position held by the employee when the leave commenced or to a position with equivalent seniority status, employee benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment.
2. This section does not apply if the district proves that the employee was not restored because of conditions unrelated to the employee's exercise of rights under the NFMLA.

B. Failure to Return

If an employee fails to return after the period of leave to which the employee is entitled has expired, and no additional qualifications for leave exist, the employee will be subject to the district's policies governing unexcused absences up to and including termination of employment.

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4012 Staff Internet and Computer Use

Internet access is an important tool for communicating, keeping up-to-date with current developments in education, and for conducting research to enhance management, teaching and learning skills. The following procedures and guidelines are intended to ensure appropriate use of the Internet at the school by the district's faculty and staff. Staff should also refer to the district's policy on Staff and District Social Media Use.

I. Staff Expectations in Use of the Internet

A. Acceptable Use While on Duty or on School Property

1. Staff shall be restricted to use the Internet to conduct research for instructional purposes.
2. Staff may use the Internet for school-related e-mail communication with fellow educators, students, parents, and patrons.
3. Staff may use the Internet in any other way which serves a legitimate educational purpose and that is consistent with district policy and good professional judgment.
4. Teachers should integrate the use of electronic resources into the classroom. As the quality and integrity of content on the Internet is not guaranteed, teachers must examine the source of the information and provide guidance to students on evaluating the quality of information they may encounter on the Internet.

B. Unacceptable Use While on Duty or on School Property

1. Staff shall not access obscene or pornographic material.
2. Staff shall not engage in any illegal activities on school computers, including the downloading and reproduction of copyrighted materials.

3. Staff shall not use school computers or district internet access to use peer-to-peer sharing systems such as BitTorrent, or participate in any activity which interferes with the staff member's ability to perform their assigned duties.
4. The only political advocacy allowed by staff on school computers or district internet access is that which is permitted by the Political Accountability and Disclosure Act and complies with district policy.
5. Staff shall not share their passwords with anyone, including students, volunteers or fellow employees.

II. School Affiliated Websites

Staff must obtain the permission of the administration prior to creating or publishing any school-affiliated web page which represents itself to be school-related, or which could be reasonably understood to be school-related. This includes any website which identifies the school district by name or which uses the school's mascot name or image.

Staff must provide administrators with the username and password for all school-affiliated web pages and must only publish content appropriate for the school setting. Staff must also comply with all board policies in their school-affiliated websites and must comply with the board's policy on professional boundaries between staff and students at all times and in all contexts.

Publication of student work or personality-identifiable student information on the Internet may violate the Federal Education Records Privacy Act. Staff must obtain the consent of their building principal or the superintendent prior to posting any student-related information on the Internet.

III. Enforcement

A. Methods of Enforcement

The district owns the computer system and monitors e-mail and Internet communications, Internet usage, and patterns of Internet usage. Staff members have no right of privacy in any

electronic communications or files, which are stored or accessed on or using school property and these are subject to search and inspection at any time.

1. The district uses a technology protection measure that blocks access to some sites that are not in accordance with the district's policy. Standard use of the Internet utilizes a proxy server-based filter that screens for non-curriculum related pages.
2. Due to the nature of technology, the filter may sometimes block pages that are appropriate for staff research. The system administrator may override the technology protection measures that blocks or filters Internet access for staff access to a site with legitimate educational value that is wrongly blocked.
3. The district will monitor staff use of the Internet by monitoring Internet use history to ensure enforcement of this policy.

B. Any violation of school policy and rules may result in that staff member facing:

1. Discharge from employment or such other discipline as the administration and/or the board deem appropriate;
2. The filing of a complaint with the Commissioner of Education alleging unprofessional conduct by a certified staff member;
3. When appropriate, the involvement of law enforcement agencies in investigating and prosecuting wrongdoing.

IV. Off-Duty Personal Use

School employees may use the internet, school computers, and other school technology while not on duty for personal use as long as such use is (1) consistent with other district policies, (2) consistent with the provisions of Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27 (Nebraska Department of Education "Rule 27"), and (3) is reported as compensation in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,

as amended, and taxes, if any, are paid. All of the provisions of Rule 27 will apply to non-certificated staff for the purposes of this policy. In addition, employees may not use the school's internet, computers, or other technology to access obscene or pornographic material, sext, or engage in any illegal activities.

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4015
Prohibition Against Employment of Board Members

Nebraska statutes recognize the inherent conflict of interest that is created when a member of the board of education serves as a certificated employee of the district. Consequently, section 79-544 of the statutes prohibits a board member from being engaged in a contract to teach pursuant to sections 79-817 through 79-821 with the school district where he or she also serves on the board.

A conflict of interest is also created when a board member serves simultaneously as both a board member and an employee in any capacity, whether certified or non-certified. Therefore, a board member shall not be employed by the school district when serving on the board. If an employee is elected or appointed to the board, his or her employment shall be terminated upon being seated on the board. Because of the conflict that is created by a board member applying for employment while sitting on the board, a board member who wishes to apply for employment shall be required to resign from the board before applying.

This policy does not prohibit the board from contracting with members of the board for services or products when the relationship is not one of employer/employee and such contracts are in compliance with the requirements of statute and board policy regarding conflicts of interest.

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4016
Jury Duty/Service as Witness in Court

An employee who has been called to serve as a juror will be granted paid leave. Employees must sign over to the district the compensation they receive for jury duty, but not compensation for expenses.

An employee who has been subpoenaed to testify as a witness in a court proceeding shall be entitled to one day of paid leave. To receive paid leave, the employee must sign over to the district his or her witness fee.

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4017

Relations with Employee Collective Bargaining Associations

The board of education recognizes the right of staff members to belong to organizations for bargaining purposes pursuant to state statutes. The board will negotiate with employee associations that have been established in accordance with public employee bargaining statutes and will negotiate with local collective bargaining unit representatives at mutually agreeable times.

To facilitate an amicable relationship between the district and any local employee associations, the district will allow associations to make reasonable use of district facilities for meetings outside the school's and the employees' work hours. With administrative approval, associations may use district resources, post notices of meetings and other information on bulletin boards designated for this purpose, and use district e-mail and mail boxes for delivery of employment-related information.

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4018
Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment, defined as the infliction of bodily pain as a penalty for disapproved behavior, is prohibited. Some physical contact is inevitable, and most of it is appropriate. Therefore, physical contact, short of corporal punishment, is acceptable to promote personal interaction with students, to maintain order and control, and to protect persons and property.

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4019
Workplace Injury Prevention and Safety Committee

The school district is committed to providing and maintaining a safe work environment, and to taking reasonable precautions for the safety of the students, employees, visitors, and all others having business with this school district. Every employee district should show concern for the safety of fellow employees, students, and members of the public. The district shall have a safety committee as required by Nebraska law. Members of the safety committee shall be established through the collective bargaining process.

The committee shall adopt and maintain a written injury prevention program. The committee shall participate in the development of safety education, training, and the establishment of safety rules, policies and procedures pursuant to this policy, the district's written injury prevention program, or as otherwise provided by law. Training for employees shall be conducted annually.

The workplace injury prevention and safety committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and file them in the district office. The committee shall implement accident investigation, record keeping procedures, safety rules, safety and health training, and policies. The district shall maintain records for at least three years, or longer if directed by the Department of Labor.

The committee shall meet at least once every three months or more frequently in the event of an employee complaint or of a job-related injury or death. The workplace injury prevention and safety committee shall keep written minutes of all meetings, and provide a copy to the superintendent or designee who shall maintain the minutes in the district's administrative offices for a period of at least three years, unless otherwise instructed by the Department of Labor.

The workplace injury prevention and safety committee shall develop an injury prevention plan and present it to the board. The plan should be developed and presented in the spirit of employees working together in a cooperative, non-adversarial effort to promote safety at the work sites within the district.

The superintendent or designee shall assure that the safety training for employees is reviewed annually or more frequently, if needed. He or she shall provide the following, as set forth in the initial written Employer's Injury Prevention Plan:

1. Initial safety orientation on rules, policies, and job specific procedures for new employees or employees who are assuming new and different duties within the school district, if appropriate.
2. Job specific training for employees before they perform potential hazardous work.
3. Periodic refresher training and dissemination of information on an annual basis, or more frequently if so designated by the administrator, for employees regarding the injury prevention plan of the unit and safety rules, policies, and procedures pertaining to safety within the school district.

In the event of a death in the workplace, the workplace injury prevention and safety committee shall forward to the Department of Labor within 15 working days a copy of any review of the matter made by the workplace injury prevention and safety committee.

The superintendent or designee shall establish or cause to be established record-keeping procedures to control and maintain all accident and injury records pertaining to accidents and injuries within the district or activities under the control of the district. Such records shall be kept for at least three years, or longer if so advised by the Department of Labor.

The workplace injury prevention and safety committee will confer with the district's crisis team and shall review the district's All-Hazard School Safety Plan upon its adoption by the crisis team.

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4020
Ownership of Copyrighted Works

Works created by district employees in the course and scope of their employment remain the property of the district. The board may enter into a written agreement with a staff member allowing the staff member to share ownership of a copyright in the covered work. The board will only enter into such an agreement if the written work was created apart from, and in addition to, what the district requires and if the district will not incur an expense to replace the work.

The board hereby expressly grants to other educational entities located within Nebraska a non-exclusive license to use the district's copyrighted works for educational purposes within Nebraska when those works have been placed onto collaborative learning systems within the State.

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4022
Certification and Endorsements

All educators must be duly certified by the Nebraska Department of Education in accordance with the Department's rules and the laws of Nebraska. They must file copies of their teaching certificates, including endorsements, with the superintendent of schools, and must promptly file any changes in certification or endorsements. Certified employees are required to maintain all their endorsements, and may not permit any endorsement to lapse or remove it from their certificates. The board or superintendent may require a certified employee to obtain a new endorsement when it is deemed necessary for the benefit of the school district and/or to comply with federal or state requirements.

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4023
Professional Ethics

The Regulations and Standards for Professional Practices Criteria, commonly known as Rule 27 of the Nebraska Department of Education, are the minimum standards for all certificated staff members of the school district. All certificated employees are responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with these standards.

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4024

Teachers' Rights, Responsibilities and Duties

All certificated employees shall assume the duties and responsibilities assigned by the superintendent or designee. Teachers' professional responsibilities involve considerably more than merely classroom instruction. They include, but are not limited to, study and research to keep abreast of new knowledge and instructional techniques; assessment of students' work; record-keeping; lesson planning and preparation; conferences with students, parents and administrators; in-service meetings; and supervision of pupils outside the classroom.

Teachers must be in their classrooms or assigned areas as instructed by the building principal. All duty time is necessary for educational planning, preparation, and conferences with students, parents and faculty members.

All teachers must maintain a standard of dress, personal appearance, general decorum, moral standards and behavior that reflects their professional status in the community.

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4025
Superintendent

The superintendent is hired by and shall report directly to the board of education. The superintendent will be the chief administrative officer of the board of education and shall keep the board informed on important issues. The board delegates to the superintendent the general power and authority to make necessary decisions to ensure the efficient and effective operations of the school.

The superintendent is charged with timely preparing, presenting, and filing an annual school budget, subject to the approval of the board at the annual budget hearing.

All school employees shall be under the direct and/or delegated supervision of the superintendent. The board delegates to the superintendent the authority to hire and terminate the employment of all classified staff. He or she shall review all certified and non-certified employees applying for vacancies and shall make recommendations regarding these employees.

All of the grounds and buildings are supervised by the superintendent, including necessary repairs and improvements unless the board is required to approve such repairs or improvements.

The superintendent's other duties shall be included in his or her job description, contract, or as otherwise assigned by the board.

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4027 Part-Time Certified Employees

Percentage of Time. The percentage of time that a teacher works will be determined by calculating the amount of time that the teacher is required to be at school to teach or supervise classes, plus any assigned preparation time, as a percentage of the entire school day. Extracurricular assignments shall not be considered in determining a teacher's percentage of time. Part-time and temporary teachers may or may not be assigned preparation time, at the sole discretion of the board of education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools.

Acquiring Permanent Status. A part-time teacher may become a permanent certificated employee pursuant to the provisions of state statutes.

Salary. The salary, benefits and leave entitlement of a part-time teacher shall be determined by multiplying the percentage of time the individual works by his or her placement on the full-time salary schedule contained in each academic year's negotiated agreement. The percentage of time a part-time teacher is required to be on duty shall be determined by the board of education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools.

Horizontal Movement on the Salary Schedule. A part-time teacher may qualify for movement horizontally on the salary schedule by earning graduate hours of college credit as set forth in the guidelines of the school district's salary schedule, and according to the applicable district policies.

Attendance at In-service Meetings, Faculty Meetings, and School Activities. A part-time teacher is responsible for attending in-service meetings, faculty meetings, and school activities that take place outside the teacher's assigned duty hours without additional compensation. A part-time teacher is responsible for performing such tasks as selling or taking tickets, and will be compensated for such tasks pursuant to the policy, practice or negotiated agreement of the school district.

Continuation of Employment. The school district administration and board will deal with the continuation of a part-time teacher's employment pursuant to state statute and the procedures prescribed for full-time employees in these policies.

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4028
Substitute Teachers

A substitute teacher is an educator who possesses the required certification from the Nebraska Department of Education and is employed to fill a teaching position on a temporary basis. The board shall establish the pay and benefits for substitute teachers.

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4029

Salary Schedule for Certificated Employees

The board of education recognizes the "salary schedule" and related provisions for compensation currently in effect resulting from negotiations between the board and the education association. This policy is intended to supplement the terms and conditions contained in the collective bargaining agreement. If there is any conflict between the terms of this policy and the collective bargaining agreement, the terms of the negotiated agreement shall control.

Horizontal Advancement. Teachers who wish to advance horizontally on the salary schedule must notify the superintendent in writing prior to June 1 of the preceding school year. The teacher must furnish the superintendent with college transcripts by September 10 for the teacher to qualify to move horizontally on the salary schedule. If an institution will not issue an official transcript by September 10, the teacher must provide the superintendent with written confirmation by September 10 from a college official attesting that the teacher has satisfactorily completed the courses.

Movement Past the BA Column. Teachers who wish to advance beyond the BA column must be accepted in a Masters Program that relates to their teaching field, as determined by the superintendent. Teachers must inform the superintendent of their enrollment prior to the beginning of their class to discuss its work-related objectives.

Movement Past the MA Column. Teachers who wish to advance beyond the MA column must be enrolled in course work that relates to their teaching field, as determined by the superintendent. Teachers must inform the superintendent of their enrollment prior to the beginning of their class to discuss its work-related objectives.

Superintendent's Review. The superintendent shall review all requests for advancement on the salary schedule resulting from a teacher's acquiring additional teaching experience or for completion of college courses, and shall report all changes to the board of education annually.

Vertical Advancement. A teacher may advance only one step vertically on the schedule in any year.

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4030 Evaluation of Certificated Employees

All certificated employees to be evaluated shall be notified annually in writing of the evaluation process. A certificated administrator, with the exception of the local board of education when it is evaluating the superintendent, will observe and evaluate each probationary certificated employee for a full instructional period once each semester and each permanent certificated employee for a full instructional period once each school year. If the probationary certificated employee is a superintendent, he or she shall be evaluated twice during the first year of employment and at least once annually thereafter. The evaluation will include, but not be limited to evaluating the employee's instructional performance, classroom organization and management, personal conduct, and professional conduct. Evaluation of instructional performance and classroom organization and management is applicable to teachers only. The administrator will provide the employee with a written list of deficiencies, suggestions and a timeline for correcting the deficiencies and improving performance, and sufficient time to improve. The evaluation form will include notice that the employee may respond to the evaluation in writing.

The school district will train administrators in evaluation annually through meetings with the superintendent or other administrator, attendance at regional, state or national workshops, or any other method approved by the superintendent.

For the purposes of this policy, the terms "actual classroom observation" and "entire instructional period" are defined as follows:

Entire Instructional Period. For certificated employees whose classes are held during defined periods of time (e.g., senior high classes), an entire instructional period consists of one such time period. For those whose time periods are not so defined (e.g., elementary classroom teachers), an entire instructional period consists of 40 minutes. The instructional period for those whose work does not necessarily involve continuous instruction for 40-minute periods (e.g., librarians or speech therapists) consists of no less than 40 minutes total during the semester. The entire instructional period for administrators cannot be defined in terms of an instructional period and shall be satisfied by the actual

observation of an administrator's work during the semester for no less than 40 minutes.

Actual Classroom Observation. Actual classroom observation consists of observing the certificated employee in any activities in a classroom setting. When a certificated employee does not have classroom responsibility (e.g., administrators or librarians), the requirement of "actual classroom observation" will be satisfied by observing the certificated employee performing activities that are typical of his or her position.

This policy and the evaluation instrument shall be included in the teacher handbook which will be distributed to staff members upon their employment and annually thereafter.

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4031

Evaluation of Probationary Certified Employees

A certificated administrator will observe and evaluate each probationary certified employee for a full instructional period once each semester. The administrator will provide each employee with a written list of deficiencies, concrete suggestions for improvement, and sufficient time to improve.

For the purposes of this policy, the terms "actual classroom observation" and "entire instructional period" are defined as follows:

Entire Instructional Period. For certified employees whose classes are held during defined periods of time (e.g., senior high classes), an entire instructional period consists of one such time period. For those whose time periods are not so defined (e.g., elementary classroom teachers), an entire instructional period consists of 40 minutes. The instructional period for those whose work does not necessarily involve continuous instruction for 40-minute periods (e.g., librarians or speech therapists) consists of no less than 40 minutes total during the semester. The entire instructional period for administrators cannot be defined in terms of an instructional period and shall be satisfied by the actual observation of an administrator's work during the semester for no less than 40 minutes.

Actual Classroom Observation. Actual classroom observation consists of observing the certified employee in any activities in a classroom setting. When a certified employee does not have classroom responsibility (e.g., administrators or librarians), the requirement of "actual classroom observation" will be satisfied by observing the certified employee performing activities that are typical of his or her position.

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4032
Professional Growth

Every six years, permanent certificated employees shall give evidence of professional growth. Six semester hours of college credit shall be accepted as evidence of professional growth.

The board of education believes the goal of professional self-improvement to be inherent in the responsibilities of each certificated district employee.

Other professional growth activities which may count toward the six-year requirement include non-credit courses, lecture series, workshops, conferences, study groups, local in-service courses, committee service, supervising a student teacher, serving with professional groups, travel of significant educational value, and membership in professional organizations. The employee must receive prior approval from the building principal for any of these activities to count toward professional growth.

No professional growth units will be awarded if the applicant has been paid for a non-college activity either by released time or by an additional amount paid by the school district.

One unit of professional growth credit will generally be equivalent to ten hours of personal time spent on an educational activity.

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4034
Staff Handbook

The superintendent or designee shall annually formulate, review and revise a staff handbook that will contain information about the district's employment policies and practices. The staff handbook is an extension of these policies and has the force and effect of board policy when approved by the board of education.

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4037 Reduction In Force

The board of education may determine that a reduction in force of certificated staff members is appropriate due to declining enrollment in a grade or grades, changes in financial support, changes in curricular programs, a decline in the taxable value of property located within the school district, increased costs of operating the school district, or another change or changes in circumstances. If the board, in its sole discretion, determines that a reduction of certificated staff is necessary, the superintendent shall notify those employees whose contracts may be reduced. However, the employment of a permanent employee may not be terminated through a reduction in force while a probationary employee is retained to render a service that the permanent employee is qualified to perform by reason of certification and endorsement, or when certification is not applicable, by reason of college credits in the teaching area.

1. **Definition of Reduction in Force.** A reduction in force shall consist of a reduction of one or more positions or a reduction in the percentage of employment of one or more certificated staff members, even if the number or percentage of employment of the certificated staff overall may be increased by other hirings or increases in the percentage of employment of other employees. Reduction in force may result in the termination of employment or an amendment to an employee's contract reducing the extent of the employee's employment.
2. **Restriction of Right to Administrative Position.** Due to the confidential and unique personal working relationship necessary between the administration and the board of education, a certificated employee who is not currently serving in a predominantly administrative capacity shall have no rights under this policy to any administrative position within the school system.
3. **Criteria for Reduction in Force.** The criteria set forth below shall be considered in selecting the personnel to be reduced. The criteria are not listed in any order of priority, and shall be given the weight that the board considers appropriate.
 - a. Programs to be offered;
 - b. Areas of endorsement that are of present or future value to the district. This criterion shall be based upon the

endorsement(s) shown on each teacher's Nebraska Teaching Certificate;

- c. State and federal laws or regulations that may mandate certain employment practices;
- d. Involvement in the programs and activities sponsored by the school district;
- e. Special or advanced training consisting of college credit or other training that would be of present or future value to the district;
- f. The organizational and educational effect caused by multiple part-time certificated employees;
- g. Formal and informal evaluation of staff performance by supervising administrators and if evaluations will be used as a criterion for a given reduction-in-force, the evaluation procedures shall be those adopted by board policy in effect at the time of the reduction and the evaluation forms shall be those on file with the Nebraska Department of Education for the district;
- h. Any other reasons that are rationally related to the instruction in or administration of the school district.

4. **Consideration of Uninterrupted Service.** If, after consideration of the criteria listed above, it is the opinion of the superintendent that there is no significant difference between or among certificated employees being considered for reduction, the employee(s) with the longest uninterrupted service to the district shall be retained.

- a. Uninterrupted length of service is defined as the number of continuous full-time equivalent years of employment in the district as a teacher.
- b. A full-time equivalent year is defined as employment on a full-time basis for an entire school year.
- c. Less than full-time employment reduces the teacher's full-time equivalent employment for a school year. For example, a teacher employed on a half-time basis would be credited with half a year full-time equivalent employment.
- d. A break in service will terminate a teacher's seniority and length of service under this provision. That period of time when a teacher is on a leave of absence shall not constitute a break in service; however, any years of absences or fractions of years of leave of absence will not count as years of employment for the purposes of

determining the length of a teacher's uninterrupted service.

5. **Rights of Recall.**

- a. Any certificated employee whose contract has been terminated shall be considered to have been dismissed with honor and shall, upon request, be provided a letter to that effect.
- b. Such employee shall have preferred rights to re-employment for a period of 24 months commencing at the end of the contract year, and the employee shall be recalled on the basis of length of service to the district to any position that he or she is qualified to teach by endorsement or college preparation.
- c. Upon re-employment, a recalled employee shall be placed on the salary schedule and provided fringe benefits based on existing district policies and the current negotiated agreement. Any year or years of absence from employment shall not be considered as a year or years of employment by the district.
- d. An employee under contract to another education institution may waive recall, but such waiver shall not deprive the employee of his or her right to subsequent recall.

6. **Current Teaching Certificate.**

- a. Upon initial employment with the district, each certificated employee shall file a copy of his or her teaching certificate, including endorsements with the superintendent of schools.
- b. The employee shall be responsible for filing any changes in certification or endorsements with the superintendent.

7. **Address Records.**

- a. A certificated employee whose employment contract has been terminated because of a reduction in force shall, during the period which he or she is eligible for recall, be responsible for reporting any change of address to the superintendent of schools.
- b. If there is a vacancy to which a former employee has a right of recall, the district may communicate an offer of re-employment by telephone, by e-mail, or by United States mail sent to the former employee's last known address. If the school district does not receive written

acceptance of the offer within seven days, the former employee shall be deemed to have waived his or her rights to be recalled to the employment position.

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4038
Classified Staff Defined

The term "classified staff" means all employees other than certificated teachers and administrators. Classified staff employees are employed at will, and their employment may be amended or terminated at any time and without any cause.

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4039
Employment of Classified Staff

The superintendent or designee shall hire classified staff to meet personnel needs consistent with the district's budget, instructional needs, and non-instructional operations. The superintendent or designee may, but is not required to, conduct a criminal background check on any classified staff applicant, provided that such check shall occur only after the school district has determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications. This policy shall not prevent the school district from requiring an applicant to disclose his or her criminal record or history relating to sexual or physical abuse prior to any minimum employment qualification determination.

The superintendent or designee shall discipline and discharge classified staff as appropriate.

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4041

Staff Dress and Appearance

The attire worn by staff members conveys an important image to students and the general public. The appearance of professional staff members shall be appropriate to their assigned duties and indicative of their professional standing in the school and community.

I. Staff Expectations in Dress and Appearance

A. General Expectations in Dress and Appearance

1. Certified staff, paraeducators, and office staff should generally dress in business casual attire that is clean and professional.
2. Custodial, maintenance, and transportation staff should dress in attire appropriate to the work they are performing.

B. Unacceptable Forms of Dress and Appearance

1. The following are examples of unprofessional attire which should not be worn by classroom staff during the traditional school day, when students or visitors are in attendance, or when the employee is supervising, directing, or coaching students when the public is in attendance:
 - For men: shirts without collars, unless the shirt can be deemed professional by other standards.
 - Athletic wear, including sweat, jogging and wind suits, except when teaching a physical education activity in the gymnasium, on a playing field, or at athletic or other activity practices.
 - Shorts, except when teaching physical education class or at athletic or other activity practices.
 - Blue jeans, except at athletic or other activity practices, or on days considered to be "dress down" days.
 - Hats, except when worn outside for sun coverage.
 - Rubber soled 'flip flop' thong sandals.
 - Any attire which is excessively wrinkled or torn, so that

it is no longer neat and professional.

- Any attire which is immodest or may distract other employees or students in the learning environment.

II. Enforcement

The superintendent or principal shall maintain the discretion to make determinations on staff dress and appearance. Administrators may temporarily suspend all or a portion of the dress code when other factors support a lower dress expectation for school employees (e.g., special "casual days" or field days). Any violation of school policy and rules may result in disciplinary action.

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4042
Employee Social Security Numbers

Nebraska law prohibits employers from using or publishing an employee's social security number except under certain specified circumstances. This district shall comply with this law and take reasonable steps to protect the confidentiality of employees' social security numbers. However, neither state law nor this policy prohibits the district from using the last four digits of an employee's social security number as an employee identification number or in any other reasonable manner.

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4043

Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships Between Employees and Students

School district employees and student teachers or interns (“employees”) are responsible for conducting themselves professionally and for teaching and modeling high standards of behavior and civic values, both at and away from school. Employees are required to establish and maintain professional boundaries with students and must have appropriate relationships with students. They may be friendly with students, but they are the students’ teachers, not their friends, and they must take care to see that this line does not become blurred. This applies to employees’ conduct and interactions with students and to material they post on personal web sites and other social networking sites including, but not limited to, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. The posting or publication of messages or pictures or other images that diminish an employee’s professionalism or ability to maintain the respect of students and parents may impair his or her ability to be an effective employee. Employees are expected to behave at all times in a manner supportive of the best interests of students.

Sexual Relationships Prohibited. Employees are prohibited from engaging in any relationship that involves sexual contact or sexual penetration with a student while the student is a current student and for a minimum of one year after the date of the student's graduation or the date the student otherwise ceases enrollment. Sexual contact has the same meaning as in section 28-318, and sexual penetration has the same meaning as in section 28-318.

Grooming Prohibited. Employees are prohibited from engaging in grooming with students. Grooming means building trust with a student and individuals close to the student in an effort to gain access to and time alone with the student, with the ultimate goal of engaging in sexual contact or sexual penetration with the student, regardless of when in the student’s life the sexual contact or sexual penetration would take place.

Unless an employee can clearly and convincingly demonstrate a legitimate educational purpose, grooming behaviors and related conduct that are a violation of this policy include, but are not limited to:

- Communicating about sex when the discussion is not required by a specific aspect of the curriculum.
- Joking about matters involving sex, using double entendre or making suggestive remarks of a sexual nature.

- Displaying sexually inappropriate material or objects.
- Making any sexual advance, whether written, verbal, or physical or engaging in any activity of a sexual or romantic nature.
- Kissing of any kind.
- Dating a student or a former student within one year of the student graduating or otherwise leaving the district.
- Intruding on a student's personal space (e.g. by touching unnecessarily, moving too close, staring at a portion of the student's body, or engaging in other behavior that makes the student uncomfortable).
- Initiating unwanted physical contact with a student.
- Communicating electronically (e.g. by e-mail, text messaging, or through social media) on a matter that does not pertain to school.
- Playing favorites or permitting a specific student to engage in conduct that is not tolerated from other students.
- Discussing the employee's personal issues or problems that should normally be discussed with adults.
- Giving a student a gift of a personal nature.
- Giving a student a ride in the employee's vehicle without first obtaining the express permission of the student's parents or a school administrator.
- Taking a student on an outing without first obtaining the express permission of the student's parents or a school administrator.
- Inviting a student to the employee's residence without first obtaining the express permission of the student's parents and a school administrator.
- Going to a student's home when the student's parent or a proper chaperone is not present.
- Repeatedly seeking to be alone with a student.
- Being alone in a room with an individual student at school with the door closed.
- Any after-school hours activity with only one student.
- Any other behavior which exploits the special position of trust and authority between an employee and student.

This list is not exhaustive. Any behavior which exploits a student is unacceptable. If in doubt, ask yourself, "Would I be doing this if my family or colleagues were standing next to me?"

Communication Between Employees and Students. The Superintendent or Superintendent's designee will circulate to staff the District-approved apps or social media sites that employees may use to communicate with students regarding educationally related topics.

In addition, employees may utilize:

1. Text messages that include at least one other adult and a student. The adult may either be the student's parent or guardian or another school employee.
2. Use of social media through a district approved social media account as a coach or supervisor of a school sponsored club or activity. However, even approved social media communication must abide by the standards of professional conduct and must be professional in nature and in the best interest of the school district.
3. Use of the school district email system.

Allowing students to view an educator's social media postings is not a preferred method of communication. Educators are responsible for any social media postings that are viewed by students when such posting violates the standards of professional conduct.

A personal communication system is a device or software that provides for communication between two or more parties and is capable of receiving, displaying, or transmitting communication. Personal communication system includes, but is not limited to, a mobile or cellular telephone, an email service, or a social media platform.

Employee communications with students through a communication system generally are to be sent simultaneously to multiple recipients and not just to one student. The burden to demonstrate the appropriateness of a communication with a student only shall rest with the employee.

Reporting a Policy Violation. Anyone may report suspected grooming, other unacceptable employee conduct, or any violation of this policy as follows:

School District. Reports may be made to a principal, the superintendent, or the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, by telephone, or email.

Nebraska Department of Education. Reports may be made at: Nebraska Department of Education, Attn: Certification Investigations' Office, P.O. Box 94933, Lincoln NE 68509 or Nde.investigations@nebraska.gov.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. Reports may be made by calling the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at (800) 652-1999.

Law Enforcement. Reports may be made to the local police department by calling (____) ____-____, the county sheriff at (____) ____-____, or the Nebraska State Patrol at (____) ____-____.

An employee is required to make a report to a principal or the superintendent if the employee reasonably believes that another employee has violated or may have violated this policy. Minor concerns or violations shall be reported within 24 hours. Major concerns or violations shall be reported immediately. Violations committed by or concerns about the superintendent shall be reported to the school board president.

A student who feels his or her boundaries have been violated should directly inform the offender that the conduct or communication is offensive and must stop. If the student does not wish to communicate directly with the offender or if direct communication has been ineffective, the student should report the conduct or communication to a teacher, administrator, counselor, the Title IX coordinator, or other school employee with whom she or he feels comfortable.

Retaliation Prohibited. Retaliation for good faith reports or complaints made as a result of this policy is prohibited. Individuals who knowingly and intentionally make a false report shall be subject to discipline as provided by district policy and state law.

Policy Violations. Any violation of this policy by an employee may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from employment and/or referral to the Nebraska Department of Education, which may result in the suspension or revocation of the employee's certificate. Any violation involving sexual or other abuse will result in referral to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, law enforcement, or both.

Policy Verification. Employees shall verify that they have received, reviewed, and understood this policy by signing an acknowledgment document indicating the same.

No Limits on Reports to NDE. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit any certificated employee's duty to report any known violation of the standards of professional practices (Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 27, commonly known as Rule 27) adopted by the Nebraska Board of Education.

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4044 Political Activity by Staff Members

The Board recognizes its individual employees' rights of citizenship, including, but not limited to, engaging in political activities. An employee of the District may seek an elective office, provided that the staff member does not campaign on school property during working hours, and provided all other legal requirements are met. The District assumes no obligation beyond making such opportunities available.

The following activities are prohibited during an employee's work time (including duty-free lunch and planning periods):

1. Soliciting votes or contributions for or against a particular candidate or ballot proposition.
2. Discussing with students opinions regarding a political candidate or ballot proposition unless the topic is part of the approved curriculum.
3. Preparing, displaying, wearing or distributing campaign literature, materials, or signs for or against a candidate or ballot proposition (this prohibition does not apply to bumper stickers on personal vehicles).
4. Soliciting volunteers to assist with a campaign for or against a political candidate or ballot proposition.
5. Preparing for, organizing, or participating in any political meeting, petition, rally, or event.
6. Other prohibited political activity as defined by state law.

The following activities are prohibited at all times:

1. Using any school district resources including, but not limited to, facsimile machines, copy machines, computers or e-mail accounts, for political campaign activities.
2. Using school district property or facilities for any political campaign activities, unless such use is approved pursuant to school board rules or policy.

3. Spending district funds to urge votes to vote for or against a candidate or ballot proposition
4. Requiring employees to engage in political campaign activities as part of their job duties.
5. Providing employees with additional compensation or benefits for engaging in political activities.
6. Representing an employee's personal political position as the position of the school district or the board of education.
7. Engaging in any other activity prohibited by state law.

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4045
Milk Expression

The district will provide reasonable break time for an employee who wishes to express breast milk for her nursing child in a place, other than a bathroom, which is shielded from view and free from intrusion from co-workers and the public for one year after the child's birth.

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4046

Internet Searches Regarding Potential Employees

Members of the administrative team or of a hiring committee (hereinafter "the committee") may conduct internet research about job applicants by using the following protocol, except that no criminal history record information check shall be made until the school district has determined that the applicant meets the minimum employment qualifications:

1. The committee may conduct internet searches using candidates' full names and any aliases. The committee may also search candidates' full names and any aliases on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, and other social networking websites.
2. All applicants or all finalists must have the same research conducted about them. For example, if the committee conducts a search on Google using the name of one applicant in order to determine whether to include that applicant in the list of finalists, the committee must also conduct an identical search of all applicants' names.
3. The committee may not use deception to gain access to applicants' social networking pages, blogs, or other on-line media and will not require applicants for employment to provide the district with their username or password to personal social media accounts.
4. The committee must take reasonable steps to verify the reliability of the information obtained in the search, including consulting with the applicant for confirmation of accuracy, if appropriate.
5. The committee will consider the following information to be relevant in making hiring decisions about an applicant based on information obtained through internet research:
 - a. Disparaging remarks made about current or former co-workers, supervisors, or employers;
 - b. Discriminatory, harassing, or demeaning behavior or comments;
 - c. Unprofessional, lewd, or obscene behavior or remarks;

- d. Criminal activity;
 - e. Information which indicates the applicant will or will not be able to perform the essential functions of the position sought; and
 - f. Information which indicates that the applicant is particularly suited or unsuited to the position sought.
6. The committee will retain documents to demonstrate its compliance with this policy with other documentation relevant to the job search.

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4048
Assessment Administration and Security

The purpose of all testing and assessments is to measure students' knowledge, skills or abilities in the area tested. All staff members are prohibited from engaging in any behavior that adversely affects the validity of test scores as a measure of student achievement. This policy applies to all national, state, and local assessments, including both standardized and general classroom assessments.

1. Assessment Responsibilities

- a. Each building principal, in consultation with the Superintendent and classroom teachers, will be responsible for:
 - overseeing the scheduling of state administered assessments, training all staff who administer assessments, and ensuring that all assessments, including make-up testing, is completed within required testing windows;
 - obtaining Standards, Assessment and Accountability Updates from the Department of Education and circulating the relevant portions of those updates to other staff members;
 - informing the board of education of changes to the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System Security Procedures; and
 - signing and enforcing the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System Security Agreement.
- b. Every classroom teacher or other staff member who administers assessments is responsible for:
 - complying with the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System Security Procedures;
 - taking all reasonable and prudent steps to ensure the accuracy and integrity of all academic testing, including statewide assessments; and

- ensuring the security of all test materials.

2. Security Violations and Cheating

a. Classroom assessments

Staff members who suspect students of having cheated on a classroom assessment should conduct a reasonable inquiry and impose consequences on the student consistent with classroom rules and the student handbook.

b. State Accountability Tests

Staff members who suspect a breach of security on State Accountability Tests, must promptly report their suspicions to the building principal or superintendent. The superintendent must notify the Department of Education's Statewide Assessment Office and follow the Department's protocol for Reporting and Investigating Test Security Violations.

Staff members who engage in or enable students to engage in academic dishonesty in any testing or assessment will be subject to discipline up to and including the immediate cancellation of their employment contract.

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4050
Overtime and Compensatory Time

Employees who are "non-exempt" under the Fair Labor Standards Act and who work more than 40 hours in a workweek will be paid at the rate of time-and-one-half (1½) times their regular rate of pay for all overtime hours or will be provided compensatory time. All overtime must be approved in advance by the employee's supervisor. Scheduled holidays, vacation days, time off for jury duty, and time off for sickness, emergencies or other personal reasons will not be considered hours worked for overtime purposes.

The district may grant compensatory time in lieu of overtime pay at a rate of one and one-half (1½) hours off for each hour of overtime the employee worked. Employees may accrue a maximum of 240 hours of compensatory time, which represents 160 hours of actual overtime worked. When an employee has accrued 240 hours of compensatory time, the district shall pay him/her at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times his/her regular rate of pay for each additional hour of overtime. An employee who asks to use compensatory time shall be permitted to use it within a reasonable period after the request if its use does not unduly disrupt the district's operations.

Upon termination of employment, an employee shall be paid for unused compensatory time at a rate of compensation not less than: (1) the average regular hourly rate paid to the employee during the last three years of his/her employment, or (2) the final regular hourly rate paid to the employee, whichever is higher.

Payment for unused compensatory time shall be at the employee's regular rate of pay for each hour of compensatory time, not one and one-half (1½) times the regular rate of pay.

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4051
Staff and District Social Media Use

Social media is an important tool for communicating, keeping up-to-date with current developments in education, and for conducting research to enhance management, teaching, and learning skills. The district also uses social media accounts to provide information to district stakeholders. This policy is intended to ensure (1) appropriate use of social media by staff and (2) appropriate control of social media accounts belonging to or affiliated with the district. Staff should also refer to the district's policy on Staff Computer and Internet Usage and Social Media Policies & Guidelines.

I. Personal Versus School-Affiliated Social Media Use

A. Personal Social Media Use

1. The school district will not require staff members or applicants for employment to provide the district with their username and password to personal social media accounts.
2. The district will not require staff to add anyone to the list of contacts associated with the staff member's personal social media accounts or require a staff member to change the settings on his or her personal social media accounts so that others can or cannot view their accounts.
3. Staff members whose personal social media use interferes with the orderly operation of the school or who use social media in ways that are not protected by the First Amendment may be subject to discipline by the district.
4. Staff members who wish to begin using or to continue using the school district name, programs, mascot, image or likeness as part of any social media profile must notify their supervising administrator of the use, and must secure the administrator's permission to do so.

B. School-Affiliated Social Media Use

1. Any social media account which purports to be “the official” account of the school district (e.g., “SPCS Wrestling”), or any of its programs, classes or entities will be considered to be an account that is used exclusively for the school district’s business purpose. Staff members may not use “official” accounts for personal use.
2. Staff may be required to provide their supervising administrator with the username and password to school-affiliated social media accounts.
3. Staff may be required to interact with specified individuals on school-affiliated social media accounts.
4. When staff use school-affiliated social media accounts to comment on school-related matters, they do not do so as private citizens and are therefore not entitled to First Amendment protections.

II. Staff Expectations in Use of Social Media – Applicable to Both Personal and School-Affiliated Use

A. General Use and Conditions

Staff must comply with all board policies, contract provisions, and applicable rules of professional conduct in their social media usage. They must comply with the board’s policy on professional boundaries between staff and students at all times and in both physical and digital environments.

Staff must obtain the consent of their building principal or the superintendent prior to posting any student-related information in order to make sure that the publication does not violate the Federal Education Records Privacy Act or any other laws. Staff must also comply with all applicable state and federal record retention requirements, even with regard to personal social media usage.

Staff must comply with all applicable laws prohibiting the use or disclosure of impermissible content, such as copyright laws, accountability and disclosure laws, and any other law governing the use of resources of a political subdivision. Questions about

appropriate content should be referred to the staff member's supervising administrator.

B. Acceptable Use

1. Staff may use social media for instructional purposes.
2. Staff may use social media for school-related communication with fellow educators, students, parents, and patrons.
3. Teachers should integrate the use of electronic resources, which may include social media, into the classroom. As the quality and integrity of content on social media is not guaranteed, teachers must examine the source of the information and provide guidance to students on evaluating the quality of information they may encounter.

C. Unacceptable Use

1. Staff shall not access obscene or pornographic material while at school, on school-owned device or on school-affiliated social media accounts.
2. Staff shall not engage in any illegal activities, including the downloading and reproduction of copyrighted materials.
3. Staff shall not access social media networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram on school-owned devices or during school time unless such access is for an educational activity which has been preapproved by the staff member's immediate supervisor. This prohibition extends to using chat rooms, message boards, or instant messaging in social media applications and includes posting on social networking sites using personal electronic devices.

III. School-Affiliated Digital Content

A. General Use and Conditions for School-Affiliated Accounts

Staff must obtain the permission of their supervising administration prior to creating, publishing, or using any school-affiliated web pages, microblogs, social media pages or handles, or any other digital content which represents itself to be school-related, or which could be reasonably understood to be school-related. This includes any content which identifies the school district by name in the account name or which uses the school's mascot name or image.

Staff must provide administrators with the username and password for all school-affiliated accounts and must only publish content appropriate for the school setting. Staff may not provide the username and password to school-affiliated accounts to any unauthorized individual, including students and volunteers.

B. Moderation of Third Party Content

The purpose of school-related social media accounts is to disseminate information. No school-related or school-affiliated social media account covered by this policy shall permit comments by the public unless otherwise approved by the superintendent. All comment functions for applications such as Facebook and Instagram must be turned to "off" without this approval.

In the event the superintendent permits content created by anyone other than the administrator of the account to appear on the account's pages, such as comments made by students, parents, and patrons, the account administrator must monitor the content to ensure it complies with this policy. Posts, comments, or any other content made on the account's pages may be removed when the content meets any of the following conditions:

1. Is obscene, lewd, or appeals to prurient interests;
2. Contains information relating to a student matter or personnel matter which is protected under or prohibited by state or federal law;

3. Contains threatening, harassing, or discriminatory words or phrases;
4. Incites or is reasonably anticipated to incite violence, illegal activity, or a material and substantial disruption to school operations or activities; or
5. Contains any other threat to the safety of students and staff.

Every account administrator must keep a copy of any removed content and must provide a copy to the superintendent along with written notification for the reason the post has been removed. All questions about the appropriateness of removal must be directed to the superintendent.

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4052
Job References to Prospective Employers

All requests for employment-related references or employment history by prospective employers of current or former employees must be referred to a member of the administrative team. The administrator will either provide a reference in compliance with this policy or will forward the request to the superintendent.

If the school district is subject to a written separation agreement regarding a particular employee, the terms of that agreement will govern the district's response to requests for information, regardless of any written consent provided to the school district.

If the school district is not bound by a separation agreement and receives a legally enforceable written consent to release information, the district may provide the information authorized by that document. The school district may provide additional truthful information to prospective employers of current and former employees in accordance with this policy.

Employees Suspected of Sexual Misconduct Against a Minor or Student

Apart from the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files or unless otherwise permitted by law, the district and any employee, contractor, or agent of the school district is prohibited from providing any employee any assistance in obtaining a new job if the school district or the individual acting for the school district has probable cause to believe said employee has engaged in sexual misconduct with a student or minor in violation of the law.

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4053 Conflict of Interest

Any school district employee who meets the conditions set forth in this policy shall be deemed to have a business or financial conflict of interest.

1. Definitions. For the purposes of this policy:
 - a. Business with which an employee is associated shall include the following:
 - (1) A business in which the employee or a member of his or her immediate family is a partner, a limited liability company, or serves as a director or an officer.
 - (2) A business in which the employee or a member of his or her immediate family is a stockholder in a closed corporation with stock worth one thousand dollars or more, or he or she, or his or her immediate family owns more than a five percent equity interest or is a stockholder of publicly traded stock worth more than ten thousand dollars or more at fair market value, or which represents more than ten percent equity interest. This shall not apply to publicly traded stock under a trading account if the employee reports the name and address of the company and stockbroker.
 - b. A business association shall be defined to include an individual as a partner, limited liability company member, director or officer, or a business in which the individual or member of the immediate family is a stockholder.
2. Contracts with the School District.
 - a. No employee or member of his or her immediate family shall enter into a contract valued at two thousand dollars or more, in any one year, with this school district unless the contract is awarded through an open and public process that (1) includes prior public notice and (2) allows the public to inspect during the school district's regular business hours the proposals considered and the contract awarded.

- b. The existence of any conflict of interest in any contract in which the employee has an interest and in which the school district is a party, or the failure to make public the employee's interest known, may render a contract null and void.
 - c. The prohibition of a conflict of interest or requirement for public notice shall apply when the employee, or his or her immediate family (parent, spouse, or child) has a business association with the business involved in the contract or will receive a direct pecuniary fee or commission as a result of the contract.
3. Employing Members of the Immediate Family.
- a. An employee may employ or recommend or supervise the employment of an immediate family member if:
 - (1) The employee does not abuse his or her position.
 - (a) Abuse of official position shall include, but not be limited to, employing an immediate family member:
 - (i) who is not qualified for and able to perform the duties of the position;
 - (ii) for any unreasonably high salary;
 - (iii) who is not required to perform the duties of the position.
 - (2) The employee makes a reasonable solicitation and consideration of applications for employment.
 - (3) The employee makes a full disclosure on the record to the governing body of the school district and to the secretary of the board.
 - (4) The board approves the employment or supervisory position.
 - b. The employee shall not terminate the employment of another employee so as to make funds or a position available for the purpose of hiring an immediate family member.

4. Gifts, Loans, Contributions, Rewards, or Promises of Future Employment

- a. No employee shall offer or give to the following persons anything of value, including a gift, loan, contribution, reward, or promise of future employment, based upon an agreement that a vote, official action, or judgment would be influenced thereby:
 - (1) a public official, public employee, or candidate.
 - (2) a member of the immediate family of an individual listed in Subparagraph 'a' above.
 - (3) a business with which an individual listed in Subparagraph (1) or (2) above is associated.
- b. No employee shall solicit or accept anything of value, including a gift, loan, contribution, reward, or promise of future employment based on an agreement that the vote, official action, or judgment of the employee would thereby be influenced.
- c. An employee shall not use or authorize the use of his or her public employment or any confidential information received through the public employment to obtain financial gain, other than compensation provided by law, for himself or herself or a member of his or her immediate family, or a business with which he or she is associated.
- d. An employee shall not use or authorize the use of personnel, resources, property, or funds under that person's official care and control other than in accordance with prescribed constitutional, statutory, and regulatory procedures or use such items for personal financial gain, other than compensation provided by law.

5. Conflict of Interest Relating to Campaigning or Political Issues

- a. Except as provided below, an employee shall not authorize the use of school district personnel, property, resources, or funds for the purpose of campaigning for or against the

nomination or election of a candidate or the qualification, passage, or defeat of a ballot question.

- b. This does not prohibit an employee from making school district facilities available to a person for campaign purposes if the identity of the candidate or the support for or opposition to the ballot question is not a factor in making the facilities available or a factor in determining the cost or conditions for use.
 - c. This does not prohibit an employee from discussing and voting upon a resolution supporting or opposing a ballot question.
 - d. This does not prohibit an employee under the direct supervision of a public official from responding to specific inquiries by the press or the public as to the board's opinion regarding a ballot question or from providing information in response to a request for information.
 - e. An employee may present his or her personal opinion regarding a ballot question or respond to a request for information related to a ballot question; but in so doing, the person should clearly state that the information being presented is his or her personal opinion and is not to be considered as the official position or opinion of the school district. However, this shall not be done during a time that the individual is engaged in his or her official duties.
6. Conflict. To the extent that there is a conflict between this policy and the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act ("Act"), the Act shall control.

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4054 Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect

Because of their daily contact with school-age children, educators and other school employees are in a unique position to identify abused and/or neglected children. Nebraska law defines child abuse or neglect as knowingly, intentionally, or negligently causing or permitting a minor child to be (1) placed in a situation that endangers his or her life or physical or mental health; (2) cruelly confined or cruelly punished; (3) deprived of necessary food, clothing, shelter or care; (4) left unattended in a motor vehicle, if such child is six years of age or younger; (5) sexually abused; or (6) sexually exploited by allowing, encouraging, or forcing such person to solicit for or engage in prostitution, debauchery, public indecency, or obscene or pornographic photography, films, or depictions.

Reporting Procedure. School employees who have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse or neglect or observe a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which reasonably would result in child abuse or neglect will report the suspected abuse or neglect according to the following procedure.

1. Any school employee who has reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected shall report the suspicion to the building principal immediately. Employees shall also personally report or cause a report to be made to local law enforcement or to the Department of Health and Human Services.
2. When the principal makes a report of suspected child abuse or neglect, he/she shall inform the employee(s) who made the initial report.
3. Nothing in the paragraph above shall hinder a school employee from fulfilling his/her/their obligation to report suspected abuse or neglect if he, she or they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected.
4. Any doubt or question in reporting such cases shall be resolved in the favor of reporting the suspected abuse or neglect. Consultation between the administrator and school employee is encouraged, keeping in mind that prompt reporting is essential.

Contents of the Report. The report to authorities shall contain the following information to the extent it is available: (1) name and position of reporting person; (2) name, address, and age of abused or neglected person; (3) address of the person or persons having custody of the abused or neglected person; (4) the nature and extent of the abuse or neglect, or the conditions and circumstances which would reasonably result in such abuse or neglect; and (5) any other information that may be useful in establishing the identity of the persons involved and cause of the abuse or neglect.

Legal Immunity. Nebraska statutes give legal immunity from any civil or criminal liability to any person who makes a good faith report of child abuse or neglect or participates in a judicial proceeding resulting from such a report.

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4056
Resignation of Certificated Staff

Certificated staff members who know they will not be returning to employment at the school district for the following school year are encouraged to submit their resignations as early as possible, to enable the board to find suitable replacements. Unless otherwise required by law or contract, the following resignation requirements apply.

Staff members who submit their resignations to the board of education by the earlier of (a) April 15th or (b) the date designated in a written request of the school board or the administrators to accept employment for the next school year pursuant to section 79-829 (provided that such acceptance date may not be earlier than March 15th of each year) will be released from the next school year's contract. Staff members who refuse to fulfill their contractual obligations will be reported to the Professional Practices Committee of the Nebraska Department of Education.

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4057 Superintendent Evaluation

The board shall observe and evaluate the superintendent based upon actual classroom observations for an entire instructional period at least twice during his first year of employment and at least once each year thereafter. Additional evaluations may be conducted at the discretion of the board. For the purposes of this policy, "actual classroom observation" shall mean observing the superintendent performing activities that are typical of his or her position. An "entire instructional period" for administrators cannot be defined in terms of an instructional period and shall be satisfied by the actual observation of some aspect of the superintendent's work during the semester for no less than 40 minutes.

Purpose. The purposes of the formal job evaluation are:

1. To provide a means of rational, structured communication between the board and superintendent to create a more constructive and effective working relationship.
2. To provide a basis for commending, rewarding and reinforcing good work, as well as identifying areas where the superintendent needs to improve.
3. To clarify the superintendent's role and inform the superintendent of the board's expectations.

Dates. The following are steps recommended as an evaluation for the Superintendent of Schools.

1. Review of Superintendent's performance by individual board members (October).
2. Completion of Superintendent's Appraisal form by individual members (October 20). Completion of self evaluation using Superintendent's Appraisal form by Superintendent (October 20)
3. Individual member consultation with Superintendent. (Optional - November)
4. Compilation of ratings by Board President (by November Board Meeting).
5. Meeting with Board members to review compiled ratings, identify strengths, areas for improvement, and superintendent's goals for current year (December Board Meeting).
6. Meeting with the Superintendent to review ratings, strengths, and areas for improvement (December Board Meeting).
7. Determination of salary and/or contract terms (December Board Meeting).
8. Superintendent response to evaluation and revisions of goals for ensuing year (January).

Evaluation Document. The superintendent shall submit a recommended evaluation document to the board. The board shall meet and discuss the proposed document with the superintendent. The board may amend and adopt the proposed evaluation document. The board may amend the document or adopt a new document without amending this policy. The superintendent shall submit the evaluation document to the Nebraska Department of Education.

Evaluation Procedures. Each board member shall have the opportunity to complete a draft evaluation document. The board president shall compile the individual draft evaluations into a single and final evaluation, provide a copy to the superintendent, and discuss it with him or her. The superintendent's evaluation may be conducted in closed session if it is necessary to prevent needless injury to the superintendent's reputation and if he or she has not requested it be done in open session.

Deficiencies. If deficiencies are noted in the superintendent's work performance, the board shall provide the superintendent at the time of the observation with a list of deficiencies and a list of suggestions for improvement and assistance in overcoming the deficiencies. The board shall also provide the superintendent with follow-up evaluations and assistance when deficiencies remain, a timeline for improvement, and sufficient time to improve. In the alternative, the board may rely upon the superintendent's education, training, and expertise and require him or her to submit a "list of suggestions for improvement" or plan of improvement for the board's consideration.

Personnel File. The evaluation shall be signed by the board president (or other member of the board) and the superintendent. The superintendent shall place a copy of the evaluation in his or her personnel file. The superintendent may provide a written response to the evaluation to the board. A copy of the response shall also be placed in the superintendent's personnel file. The board may meet with the superintendent to discuss the written response.

Policy Limitation. The evaluation procedures are included in this policy as a result of the board's statutory obligation to evaluate the superintendent and do not give the superintendent any rights not provided by statute. The board's failure to comply with any procedures provided in this policy but not required by law shall not prohibit the board from taking any action regarding the superintendent's employment, up to and including the nonrenewal, amendment, or cancellation of the employment contract.

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4058
Confidentiality in Counseling and Guidance

The school district provides students with a certificated school guidance counselor. Information that students provide to counselors is confidential but not legally privileged. The counselor will attempt to respect the privacy of student disclosures, but will share all relevant information with other education professionals as appropriate or as directed. The counselor will also contact parents and law enforcement officials as appropriate.

Records of the counseling relationship, including interview notes, test data, correspondence, tape recordings and other documents, are to be considered professional information for use in counseling, not part of the student's education record.

When a counselor is in doubt about what information to release, he or she should discuss the matter with the building principal or with the superintendent.

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4059
Suicide Prevention Training

The following employees are required to complete at least one hour of suicide awareness and prevention training every year:

- school nurses
- teachers
- counselors
- school psychologists
- administrators
- school social workers
- community coaches
- paraeducators
- custodians
- secretarial and clerical staff

These employees must complete the online training provided by the Nebraska Department of Education no later than October 31 of each school year or within 30 days of their initial employment. Failure to complete this training shall constitute just cause for the termination or nonrenewal of an employee's contract.

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4060 School Vehicle Use

Pupil Transportation Vehicles. The transportation of students in a pupil transportation vehicle is governed by the rules of the Nebraska Department of Education and the district's safe pupil transportation plan or safety and security plan. See Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 91 – Regulations Governing Driver Qualifications and Operational Procedures for Pupil Transportation Vehicles ("Rule 91") Title 92, Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 92 – Regulations Governing the Minimum Equipment Standards and Safety Inspection Criteria for Pupil Transportation Vehicles ("Rule 92"), available on NDE's website (www.education.ne.gov). A pupil transportation vehicle is any vehicle utilized to carry school children as sponsored and approved by the school board and that conforms to the Nebraska Department of Education definitions of pupil transportation vehicles listed as School Bus, Activity Bus, Small Vehicle, or Coach Bus.

School Vehicles Other Than Those Transporting Students. School district employees, board members, and other elected or appointed school district officials (collectively "school personnel") who are not transporting children are authorized to use a school district vehicle to travel to a designated location or to their home when the primary purpose of the travel serves a school district purpose. School district vehicles may not be used for personal purposes unless the vehicle, or the use of it, is provided to an employee as a condition of an employment contract or it is leased to school personnel as allowed by law. School personnel must operate school vehicles in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

Driver Qualifications. School personnel who wish to use a vehicle owned or leased by the school district and who are not transporting students must:

- Possess and provide a copy of a valid Motor Vehicle operator's license.
- Be able to read and comprehend driving regulations and written test questions.
- Obtain and provide a copy of his or her current driving record from the department of motor vehicles at least one time per school year to the superintendent or his or her designee.
- Be at least 19 years of age.

School personnel must notify the superintendent or his or her designee about any change in their driving status or eligibility.

School personnel who have been convicted of any of the following or who meet any of the following conditions will not be allowed to drive a school district vehicle:

- If the citation or conviction occurred at any time—Motor vehicle homicide or driving under the influence – 3rd or subsequent offense;
- If the citation or conviction occurred within the last 2 years - Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, failure to render aid in accident you are involved in, speeding 15 miles per hour or more above the posted speed limit, reckless driving (willful or otherwise), careless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to yield to a pedestrian with bodily injury to the pedestrian, or negligent driving; or
- Have accumulated 8 points or more under an operator’s license point system within the last 2 years.

The superintendent or his or her designee has the discretion to prohibit school personnel from driving a school vehicle for a citation or arrest for the above offenses or any other offense or reason. The superintendent or his or her designee will make the final determination about the use of school district vehicles.

Electronic Communication While Driving. Unless the superintendent or a principal grants an exception to allow verbal communication on an as needed basis for specific district-related work based upon an employee’s duties and responsibilities, school personnel shall not use any electronic communication device to read a written communication, manually type a written communication, send a written communication, verbally communicate with others, or otherwise communicate with others while operating a school vehicle. This prohibition includes but is not limited to answering or making telephone calls, engaging in telephone conversations, and reading or responding to e-mails, instant messages, text messages or other visual media.

Tobacco, Alcohol, and Controlled Substances. The use of any tobacco product, including the use of vapor products, alternative nicotine products, or any other such look-alike product, is not permitted in a school vehicle at any time. The use or possession of any alcohol or controlled substance (unless legally prescribed to school personnel by a physician) is not permitted in a school vehicle at any time. All drivers shall follow and be subject to Drug Free Workplace Policy and Drug Policy Regarding Drivers Policy.

Traffic Accidents, Infractions, Violations, or Citations. School personnel who receive a citation or warning citation from a law enforcement officer or are involved in an accident while operating a school vehicle must report the citation to the superintendent or his or her designee as soon as practicable, but no later than 24 hours of receipt. The superintendent must

report his or her accidents, infractions, violations, or citations to the board president.

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Workplace or Non-Workplace Injuries or Illness and Return to Work

Reporting Workplace Injuries. Staff members who are injured while performing duties or who witness workplace injuries must report them to the superintendent or superintendent's designee as soon as possible after being injured or witnessing an injury. Staff members must prepare written statements regarding the injuries they sustained or witnessed when they are asked to do so by the school district. Failure to report a workplace injury as a witness will constitute insubordination and neglect of duty and may result in adverse employment action up to and including termination or cancellation of employment. Failure to report workplace injuries may also result in delayed or forfeited benefits to which an employee may otherwise be entitled.

Returning to Work after Workplace Injuries or Non-Workplace Injuries or Illness. Staff members whose injuries or illness prevent them from completing any or all of their duties, whether or not incurred at work, may be permitted to continue working or may be offered modified duty positions as required by law or as determined appropriate by the superintendent. This policy does not guarantee a limited or modified assignment during the recovery period unless it is otherwise required by law. The employee may be required to provide a return to work certification or report from their treating physician which delineates any restrictions, modifications, or accommodations needed to allow the employee to perform the essential functions of their position.

Termination After Workplace Injuries or Illness. Unless otherwise covered in an individual employment contract, employees may be terminated after suffering a workplace injury or illness when the district has a legitimate, nondiscriminatory reason for doing so. Such reasons include but are not limited to:

- Necessity to fill the position to maintain continuous services as required by law or district policy or standards;
- Performance deficiencies of the employee unrelated to the injury or illness;
- Unavailability of substitute or replacement employees;
- When the absence will negatively impact students' educational experience or opportunities; or
- Any other reason not otherwise prohibited by law.

The district may make such employment determinations regardless of whether the employee has returned to work and regardless of whether a

medical professional has certified that the employee has reached maximum medical improvement. In the event the injury or illness lasts beyond the amount of leave time provided by the district and by the Family Medical Leave Act, which is generally no greater than 12 weeks, the employee may be terminated even if the employee remains eligible for Workers' Compensation under state law or short or long-term disability under a policy available through the district. In no event will an employee be terminated as retaliation for filing a Workers' Compensation claim.

Termination After Non-Workplace Injuries. Unless otherwise covered in an individual employment contract or prohibited by law, employees who are unable to perform any of the essential functions of their positions with reasonable accommodation(s) due to injury or illness occurring outside of the workplace may be terminated. The employee's position or a similar position will be held open only as required by law, such as the Family Medical Leave Act.

Adopted on: _____

Revised on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

4062 Locker Room Supervision

Staff members, coaches, sponsors, and students must comply with the requirements of this policy while using locker rooms at the school district or at other locations.

Staff members, coaches, and sponsors must appropriately supervise students in locker rooms and other locations where students dress, change, or engage in similar activities. This supervision must occur at all times during curricular and extracurricular activities and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Entering and walking through the entire locker room at regular and irregular intervals to provide direct supervision and to assess student behavior.
- Maintaining an orderly locker room free from "horseplay" and other prohibited conduct.
- Maintaining a visual presence.
- Adequately addressing any misbehaviors.
- Escorting students to and from the locker room and the activity or instructional area.
- Unlocking the locker room so that students may enter, and locking the locker room after all students have exited the locker room.
- Searching the locker room to determine that all students have exited the locker room before locking it.
- Ensuring that the locker room remains locked during any activity.

If a student is found missing during an activity, the staff member, coach, or sponsor or adult designee shall check the locker room for the missing student.

The locker room must be locked at all times when unsupervised.

Only students whose team or activity is currently playing or are in-season or who are involved in a school-sponsored activity that requires or allows presence in the locker room are allowed access to the locker room before or after the regular school day.

Students are not allowed to enter or reenter the locker room without appropriate supervision.

If the staff member, coach, or sponsor is the opposite sex of the students, he or she may designate another adult of the same sex as the students to provide the required locker room supervision. This delegation does not

remove ultimate responsibility from the staff member, coach, or sponsor who is subject to the obligations under this policy to ensure that such obligations are met. By allowing their students to participate in an activity with a cross-gender coach, parents/guardians consent to the entry of the staff member or his or her designee into the locker room at any time as necessary to maintain student safety and order.

Staff members, coaches, and sponsors must remain with students until they are picked up by the parent, guardian, or other authorized person or the student leaves in his or her own transportation. Students must never be left unattended after a game, practice, or other school-sponsored activity. In other words, the staff member, coach, or sponsor should be the first one to arrive at the activity and the last one to leave.

Cell phones and other devices with visual or auditory recording capability may not be used in the locker room at any time or for any reason.

Under no circumstance may a staff member, coach, or sponsor delegate any responsibility under this policy to a student or other minor.

School administrators or their designees may make random checks to assess policy compliance.

Adopted on: _____

Reviewed on: _____

Amended on: _____

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Transporting Students in Employee Vehicles

With the permission of the superintendent, school employees may transport students in the employee's personal vehicle even if those students do not live within the employee's household. School employees who transport students in their personal vehicles and those children do not live within the employee's household must comply with the board's policies on pupil transportation and school vehicle use, including Pupil Transportation Driver Qualification Criteria.



**Future Planning
April, 2023**

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| 5/8/23 | Site Committee 6:00 PM
Finance Committee 6:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 5/15/23 | Foundation Board Meeting 7:30 AM |
| 5/17/23 | Seniors Last Day |
| 5/19/23 | Recognition Banquet at Werner Park @ 5:30 PM |
| 5/21/23 | Commencement Ceremony 1 PM @ PHS Gymnasium |
| 5/24/23 | Last Day of School |
| 6/12/23 | (Location TBD)
Policy Committee 6:00 PM
Finance Committee 6:30 PM
Regular Board Meeting 7:00 PM |
| 6/23/23 | Foundation Golf Tournament |