

Master Agreement

Between

Kingsley Area Schools

And

Kingsley Federation of Teachers

2022/23 to 2024/25

## **ARTICLE I. PREAMBLE**

- A. WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kingsley Area School District (herein referred to as the Board) and the Kingsley Federation of Teachers (hereinafter referred to as the Federation) recognize and declare that the implementation, development, and operation of a high-quality instructional program for the students of this school district is their mutual goal and responsibility, and that the character of such education depends upon the quality and morale of the teaching service, and
- B. WHEREAS this common high purpose may best be achieved by close consultation, mutual respect, and understanding between the Board and the Federation, and
- C. WHEREAS the Federation recognizes that the Board under law, has the final responsibility for establishing policies for the district, and
- D. WHEREAS the Board recognizes that teaching is a profession and the skills, knowledge, and creative capacities of teachers contribute greatly toward the goal of high-quality schools for the district, and
- E. WHEREAS the laws of the State of Michigan authorize public employees and public employers to enter collective negotiation agreements concerning rates of pay, hours of employment and working conditions, and
- F. WHEREAS the majority of the employees covered by this agreement did, in March 1985, choose the Kingsley Federation of Teachers as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective negotiations with the Board in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment, and
- G. WHEREAS the parties, following deliberate professional negotiations, have reached certain understandings, and
- H. WHEREAS the Board and the Federation desire to incorporate such understanding into a written collective negotiations agreement in the belief that such action is in the best interest of the students attending school therein, the teachers represented by the Federation and the residents of the Kingsley Area School District,
- I. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following covenants the Federation and the Board hereby agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE II. RECOGNITION**

- A. The Board recognizes the Federation as the exclusive representative of all the certificated personnel (excluding substitutes), exclusive of supervisory personnel, employed by the board excluding applicants, which hereby designates the Federation to be such by its representatives.

## **ARTICLE III. FEDERATION RIGHTS**

- A. The Board and the Federation recognize the right of either party to invoke the assistance of the State Labor Mediation Board or a mediator from such public agency.
- B. The Board recognizes the desire of the Federation to consult with the Board or Administration on:

1. Any new or modified fiscal, budgetary or tax programs,
  2. Construction programs,
  3. Major revisions of educational policy,
  4. Any new or innovative programs, the Federation is invited, as always, to advise the Board at an open meeting with respect to the above matters prior to their adoptions and/or general publication-
- C. The Board shall also make payroll deductions upon written authorization from teachers for annuities, charitable donations, credit union, savings bonds, or any other plan or programs jointly approved by the Federation and the Board; excluding any deductions which violate state or federal law.

## **ARTICLE IV. TEACHER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. Personal and Professional Life**

1. The Federation and the teacher recognize that the basic duty of each teacher is to use his skill as a teacher in the most effective and proper manner to assure the highest possible quality of education in the Kingsley Area Schools.
2. Good teaching extends beyond classroom walls and scheduled hours. Teaching is a profession which requires, among other things, the devotion of extra time to self-improvement and out-of-school time in the preparation of projects, lesson plans, grading of papers, and counseling parents.
3. The Federation and the teachers recognize that teaching is a profession which requires the highest standards of personal conduct from its members.
4. In order to insure continued improvement of the education process in the Kingsley Area Schools, the Federation and the teachers will assist in the study, revision, updating, and amending of school curriculum.
5. The Federation and the teachers recognize their responsibility to keep themselves informed concerning school programs, and to interpret the school and its program to the community to the best of their ability.
6. The Federation and the teachers recognize their obligation to continue to lend their skill and knowledge in the form of recommendations for textbook selections, teaching materials, and plans for new or renovated buildings.
7. Teachers shall be responsible for the supervision and safety of students in the school building and on the school grounds during the time that these students are directly assigned to the teacher.
8. Teachers are expected to exercise reasonable care of their use of school equipment and shall be responsible for the condition of their classrooms during the time that they are using the classroom or equipment.
9. Teachers shall not leave their class unattended except for unavoidable circumstances such as an emergency.

10. Staff recognizes the importance of making regular parental contacts.

**B. Vacancies, Promotions, Reassignments and Transfers**

1. Teachers who desire a transfer or change of assignment may make their desires known by letter to the superintendent of schools.
2. Teachers will be informed by the superintendent prior to involuntary transfers or assignment within the system.

Teachers shall be notified in writing of their tentative program changes for the coming year, including the school to which they will be assigned, grade, subjects they will teach, and any special or unusual assignments which have been made. The notice will be given as soon as practical, and under normal circumstances not later than the last day of school.

3. Hiring Committee: A committee comprised of administrators, school board members if available, and teachers preferably from the grade level or subject area where a vacancy exists may be formed for the purpose of interviewing candidates and making recommendations to the Board for the filling of said vacancy.
  - a. The administration shall appoint the teachers on the committee.

**C. Board Support of Teachers**

1. Teachers are responsible for the control and discipline of students in the classroom or in such places or at such times as the students may be under the jurisdiction of the teacher. Any assault by a child upon a teacher shall be promptly reported to the teacher's immediate supervisor for assistance. The Board recognizes its responsibility to give reasonable support and assistance to all teachers with respect to control and discipline upon request of the teacher.
2. Kingsley Area Schools encourages teachers to utilize a building principal to administer discipline. However, a teacher may exclude a pupil for one class period when the grossness of the offense, the persistence of misbehavior, or the disruptive effect of the violation makes the continued presence of the student in the classroom intolerable. The teacher shall immediately report the suspension and the reason for the suspension to the school principal and send the pupil to the school principal or the school principal's designee for appropriate action. As soon as possible after a suspension, the teacher shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. Whenever practicable, a school counselor, school psychologist, or school social worker shall attend the conference. A school administrator shall attend the conference if the teacher or the parent or guardian so requests. During a suspension under this section, the pupil shall not be returned that school day to the class, subject, or activity from which he or she was suspended without the concurrence of the teacher of the class, subject, or activity and the school principal.

**D. Teacher Evaluation**

1. Blank teacher evaluations will be made available for the purpose of informing the teaching staff as to how they will be evaluated.

E. **Professional Development Training;** Professional development training takes place throughout the school year including scheduled half days, typically one every marking period. These in-services may last up to an hour beyond normal school hours.

F. **Substitute Teachers**

1. The district sub-caller shall be notified by 6 a.m. that the teacher will not be able to report for duty. Notification shall be given at the earliest possible time if the teacher should have an emergency. It is the responsibility of the administration to arrange for a qualified substitute teacher.
2. Teachers will be used to cover classes only in cases of emergency. Teachers covering classes, on their prep time will receive the hourly sub rate.

G. **Lesson Plans**

1. It is the teacher's responsibility to provide adequate and complete plans for the use of the substitute. The administration may require copies of lesson plans and/or substitute plans to be turned in by Monday prior to the start of school that week.
2. It is the responsibility of the administration to provide guidelines for lesson plans. These guidelines are to be included as Appendix E.

## **ARTICLE V. SCHOOL BOARD RIGHTS**

- A. The Board, on its own behalf, and on behalf of the electors of the district, hereby retains and reserves unto itself all powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it, by the laws and the constitution of the State of Michigan and/or the United States, or which have been heretofore properly exercised by it, excepting where expressly and in specific terms limited by the provisions of this agreement.
- B. It is agreed that the Board retains the right to establish and equitably enforce, reasonable rules and personnel policies relating to duties and responsibilities of the teacher and the working conditions which are not inconsistent with this agreement or in violation of law.
- C. The Board retains the rights of management and control of school property, facilities, grades and courses of instruction, materials used for instruction, and the selection, assignment, direction, transfer, promotion, demotion, discipline, or dismissal of personnel excepting where expressly and in specific terms limited by the provisions of this agreement.
- D. The matters contained in this Agreement are not subject to further negotiations during the term of this Agreement, except by mutual consent of both parties.

## **ARTICLE VI. TEACHING CONDITIONS**

A. **Calendar**

1. It is understood that the calendar will be attached hereto as Appendix C. A board member or designee, Superintendent or designee and a representative of the KFT shall negotiate the calendar and that said calendar shall be subject to ratification by all parties and shall not be in conflict with state rules or regulations.

2. The Board of Education reserves the right to reschedule any student instruction days in the calendar which are canceled and are not allowed to be counted as a day of instruction as per state law of Department of Education regulations.
3. The District may adjust the hours and days of instruction as necessary in order to satisfy current or future State and/or Federal requirements pertaining to minimum number of hours or days of pupil instruction and/or to receive full State or Federal funding, without providing additional compensation. The district may make adjustments which result in a reasonable tolerance to account for any potential errors in calculations.
4. For teachers, the school year will consist of 186 days of work unless adjustments to number 3 are required.
5. Calendars for subsequent school years covered by this agreement shall be mutually agreed upon and shall comply with all existing rules and regulations of the State of Michigan.

#### **B. Working Hours**

1. Teachers shall be at their teaching stations 45 minutes before the start of school and will remain in the building until 10 minutes after dismissal of students or unless other arrangements are made with their immediate supervisor. On Wednesday mornings, teachers shall report 70 minutes before the start of school to work on PLC or other staff development activities. All teachers are required to participate in appropriate school improvement activities during this time. When conferences are scheduled with parents or persons interested in the welfare of the child, teachers shall remain until the conference has been completed. Teachers may not be required to hold said conference when one (1) days advance notice has not been given.
2. A teacher shall be expected to attend professional staff meetings when called by the principal. A teacher may place appropriate educationally related items on the agenda for the meeting, with approval of the principal. The agenda for meetings should be presented to the teacher at least one day in advance of the meeting.
3. All teachers shall be scheduled for a duty-free midday period, of at least thirty (30) minutes.
4. All teachers shall be provided no less than 50 minutes duty-free during the school day for the purpose of planning, grading class assignments/assessments, preparing lessons, student conferences, parent conferences, in-service meetings, and other class preparation activities. Teachers are expected to be in the building during their planning time unless prior arrangements have been made with their building principal.
5. For the elementary building, the student day will begin at 8:28 a.m. and end at 3:15 p.m. For the middle school building the student day will begin at 8:32 and end at 3:15. For the high school building the student day will begin at 8:22 a.m. and end at 3:05 p.m. Adjustments in number of student instructional days will result in the adjustment to the length of each day

#### **C. Class Size**

1. The Board agrees to strive for an average class size of 25 pupils per individual section in grades K-2 and for 28 pupils per individual sections in grades 3-6.

2. Should the average in any given grade exceed this number for more than 30 school days, a committee shall be formed of the teachers from the affected area, the principal and the superintendent. This committee has one month in which to agree to: 1) a solution to the problem or 2) waive the rule for a set period of time. Should the committee fail to agree to either of these alternatives, then the Board shall add general teacher aide time according to the following:

Less than one pupil above average.	.	0 aide hrs/day
1-1.99	. . . . .	1 aide hrs/day
2-2.99	. . . . .	2 aide hrs/day
3-3.99	. . . . .	3 aide hrs/day
4-4.99	. . . . .	4 aide hrs/day
5-5.99	. . . . .	5 aide hrs/day

3. The aide hours are total for the affected grade level groups and shall be assigned by the principal where he/she sees the need.
4. If the pupil number reverts to the agreed averages or lower, the added aide time shall be canceled.
5. In case of failure of an operating millage (including a regional millage) request, this section on class size shall be held in abeyance until the millage passes.
6. The KFT Ed Committee would meet in mid-May to make specific recommendations regarding K-12 class size referring them to Board Ed Programming Committee for their action.

**D. Non-Teaching Duties:** The Board and the Federation acknowledge that a teacher's primary responsibility is to teach, and that his energies should be utilized to this end. It is agreed that teachers will be relieved of non-teaching duties to the extent possible and practical through the use of non-teaching personnel to perform clerical-type tasks. Some examples of clerical-type tasks, but not limited to, would be making copies, monitoring lunchroom, or filing non-CA 60 materials.

**E. Teaching Facilities, Equipment and Supplies**

1. Both parties recognize that the availability of optimum school facilities, equipment and supplies for both student and teacher are necessary to insure the high quality of education that is common goal of the Federation and the Board. The Board recognizes:
  - a. That appropriate texts, instructional aids and supplies are the tools of the teaching profession. The parties will confer at least one time each semester for the purpose of improving the selection and use of such educational tools. The Board undertakes promptly to act upon all joint recommendations thereon made by its representative and the Federation.
  - b. That sufficient library reference facilities, maps and globes, laboratory equipment, audio-visual equipment, art supplies, physical education equipment and other materials deemed as necessary tools of the teaching professions should be provided.
  - c. Space should be provided in each classroom in which teachers may safely store instructional materials and supplies.

- d. That a teacher work area should contain adequate equipment and supplies to aid in the preparation of instructional materials.
2. Teachers will be informed as soon as possible as to the disposition of their requisitions for supplies, materials, and equipment by their principal.

## **ARTICLE VII. INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS**

- A. All individual contracts between the Board and individual teachers shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Board Policy, and Board Guidelines. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement and/or Board policies and guidelines, this Agreement and/or Board policies and guidelines, during its duration, shall be controlling.
- B. All individual contracts will:
  1. State the beginning and ending dates of contract
  2. Indicate the amount of salary to be paid.
  3. Indicate whether the teacher is a probationary or tenured teacher.
  4. Offer twenty-six (26) salary payments
  4. Master agreement will be posted on the website.
  5. Probationary teachers shall receive a written annual contract until they reach tenure. Initial contracts with Kingsley Area Schools not returned, or returned unsigned, 15 calendar days following issuance, will indicate non-acceptance on the part of the teacher, and the position is automatically declared vacant.
  6. In lieu of a written annual contract for teachers who have obtained tenure, the district may enter into a continuing contract. The Employer will annually provide to tenured teachers an employment status update, which includes the same data as normally provided.
  7. Teachers having tenure and intending not to return shall terminate their contracts in accordance with the tenure act to be considered for recommendation by this Board.
- C. Extra duties and the amount the teacher will be paid for each duty will be stipulated on a separate, non-tenure, supplemental contract.

## **ARTICLE VIII. LEAVES**

- A. **Procedure upon the use of leave:** Any teacher upon using leave must file Appendix D with the main office no later than 2 working days following use of leave. Said teacher must be notified within 5 working days when leave is denied.



## B. Sick Leave

1. Nine days of sick leave will be granted upon the commencement of the contract school year with a 90-day limit on the accumulation. Unused sick days over the 90 shall be paid out annually at the rate of \$50 per day.
2. Teachers having over 102 accumulated sick days, at the end of the school year, will have twelve sick days bought back each year at the above rate until they reach 90 days.
3. Sick leave is basically an insurance and covers illness, disability procedures, injury, or unavoidable quarantine of teacher. Appointments and non-emergency medical procedures should be scheduled during breaks whenever possible. A teacher may be required to get a physician's note after three consecutive days absence, if an absence is immediately prior or after a break, or if a pattern emerges.
4. A statement will be presented to each teacher at the beginning of the school year showing accumulated leave.
5. If the employee terminates his service before the end of the contract term, for any reasons other than illness, a deduction will be made at the time the service terminates for all sick leave used in excess of leave earned.
6. Rights Saving Clause: Any teacher whose personal illness extends beyond the period compensated for maybe granted annually a leave of absence in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act.
7. Sick Leave Bank
  - a. Each teacher shall contribute one (1) sick leave day per year until the bank accumulates one hundred and fifty (150) days.
  - b. In the event that the total number of days in the sick leave bank beginning in the 3rd year of its establishment becomes less than one hundred (100) at any time during the contract year, each teacher shall contribute one (1) sick leave day to the sick leave bank. No teacher shall be required to contribute more than three (3) days per year.
  - c. A teacher with an extended illness (an extended illness shall be defined as five (5) consecutive school days or more) may draw upon the sick leave bank subject to the following provisions:
    1. The teacher has exhausted all his/her sick leave days
    2. The request for sick leave days from the bank must be made to the superintendent in writing
    3. The bank has days available to draw
    4. The teacher shall furnish a medical doctor's verification of the illness
    5. A teacher may draw a total of thirty (30) days per school year. In years one and two of the banks existence, teachers may draw a total of 10 and 20 days respectively.
    6. This sick bank may not be used for maternity leave.
  - d. A committee composed of one KFT officer, one board member, and one administrator shall oversee the operations of the bank. This committee shall have no power to deny usage of leave except in cases of abuse. This committee will advise the parties as to the status of the bank in two instances:

1. at the beginning of each school year
2. in the event that the number of days in the bank falls below 100

8. Proper Use of Sick Time

- a. The parties jointly acknowledge that abuse of sick leave has a deleterious effect on the education of children and therefore mutually pledge to dissuade the teaching staff from improper use of sick leave. Should the administration become aware of circumstances which it believes is an abuse of sick leave, the teacher(s) in question may be called on by an administrator to satisfactorily explain the circumstances and/or provide appropriate documentation. Reoccurring dates or events may be called into question.

**C. Personal Leave**

1. Three (3) days personal leave shall be granted each year at full pay. Approval of the Administration is not required for usage of personal leave days unless it is immediately preceding or following a break or holiday period. Approval of the superintendent is required for use of three consecutive personal days. Employees will give the principal or principal's designee a minimum of 48 hour notice for use of personal leave except in case of emergency.
2. In an attempt to prevent individuals from routinely using their personal days every year, unused personal days will roll into a teacher's sick days.
3. The intent of this leave is to make it possible for teachers to be absent for personal matters which cannot be taken care of during their own time. Personal days may not be used on the day immediately preceding or following a break or holiday period unless prior written permission is granted by the Administration.

**D. Involuntary Leave:** A teacher called for jury duty or to give testimony before any judicial or administrative tribunal, shall turn over the pay received for the performance of such obligations to the administration and shall be paid the contract wage for said days. If however, he is a witness in a suit in which he is personally involved he will receive no pay other than that provided for under Personal Leave.

**E. Military Leave:**

1. Teachers shall be granted temporary leave with pay for absence necessitated by required physical examination for military induction.
2. An unpaid leave of absence shall be granted a teacher who is recalled or inducted for one period of enlistment in any branch of the armed forces of the United States. Reinstatement upon completion of such service shall be in accordance with the requirements of the applicable law of the United States. Regular salary increments shall accrue.

## **F. Bereavement Leave**

1. For purposes of bereavement leave, family shall be defined as: spouse, child, mother, father, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, grandchildren and any other person the employee is unavoidably responsible for. The employee will be granted leave without loss of pay for not more than five (5) days in a contractual year. If the requested leave goes beyond the five (5) bereavement days, sick days could be used for bereavement, at the superintendent's discretion.

## **G. Child Care Leave**

1. A teacher may request child care leave, however, it is the teacher's responsibility to notify the administration as to the length of the requested child care leave and the beginning and ending date of the requested leave.
2. Such unpaid child care leave may be for a period of one full school year and may be renewed at the discretion of the Board for an additional school year.
3. To qualify for such child care leave the teacher must have been employed for a minimum of two consecutive school years.
4. A teacher shall receive sick leave pay for the number of child care leave days that are verified in writing as necessary by a physician. Sick leave pay may be limited to an individual's accumulated sick leave days available.

**H. Federation Leave:** The KFT will receive 4 federation days per year (or 32 hours) to be used by the 5 officers of the KFT at KFT discretion; so long as the use benefits all bargaining unit members. Sub pay for this leave is to be paid by KFT.

**I. Professional Leave:** Upon the approval of the superintendent of schools teachers will be granted leave without loss of pay to attend educational conferences, workshops, and visitations pertinent to the improvement of the school curriculum. Necessary expenses for such meetings will be paid by the Board of Education.

## **J. Sabbatical Leave**

1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 572 of the Michigan School Code, sabbatical leaves may be granted by the Board of Education.
2. Requests for sabbatical leave must be submitted in writing to the superintendent of schools not later than May 1 of the school year preceding the school year for which the leave is requested. Preference in granting such leave will be based upon anticipated benefits to the school district.

**K. Additional Leave:** The Board shall have the prerogative to grant additional leave or other leaves not covered in the Master Agreement when such leaves would be in the best interest of the school system, teacher or both.

**L. Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993,** as amended, leave will be granted in accordance with the statutory requirements. FMLA and all other types of leaves may or may not run concurrently as allowed by law. A rolling calendar shall be used when calculating eligibility and usage.

A copy of the FMLA will be available online for employees to review and discuss with their principal and or superintendent.

M. **Workman's Compensation:** When an employee is unable to complete their assigned duties due to a workplace injury, the following guidelines will apply:

Option 1: Employees can choose to receive benefits under the Michigan Worker's Compensation Act. In doing so, the employee acknowledges that accepting this option means the time is considered unpaid from the school and no additional compensation will be forthcoming from the district. The employee's sick bank is frozen at the level it contained the day prior to the injury or accident, and the salary adjusted to reflect the unpaid time.

Option 2: Employees can continue to receive their full rate of pay for days missed but must turn over the district all monies received from the Michigan Worker's Comp Fund. Sick time to the extent that employees have sick time available will be adjusted by approximately 20% increments to offset the difference in wage between the actual daily amount received from Workman's Comp and the rate of pay the employee is regularly scheduled to receive. If the employee has no sick time available, they will use Option 1.

## ARTICLE IX. PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

A. **Salary Schedule:** The basic salaries of teachers covered by this Agreement are stated in Schedule marked Appendix A which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement. This salary schedule shall remain in effect during the term of this Agreement and shall be subject to the Board's policy on performance compensation.

B. **Terminal Pay:** Teachers who terminate their employment after a minimum of 7 years of service in the system shall be paid at a rate of \$100 per day for each sick day accumulated during their employment with the system. In case of death, terminal pay due the employee shall go to the beneficiary.

C. **Continuing Education:** The Board shall encourage all employees to continue their formal education. Tuition costs of courses taken at recognized colleges and universities shall be reimbursed by the Board, within the following guidelines:

1. Kingsley Area Schools will not provide any tuition reimbursement for a beginning teacher during his/her first school year. Tuition reimbursement will be provided, at the amounts below, if a grade of B or higher is earned. Part time teachers will have their reimbursement pro-rated based on hours worked divided by 7.

Years 2-5	\$5,500
Years 6-10	\$5,000
Years 11-15	\$4,000
Years 16-20	\$2,000

2. Courses must directly complement the job assignment of the employee. The employee's supervisor must determine in writing if the class complements the job.

3. Courses shall not conflict with the assigned duties of the employee.

4. Starting with the 2010-11 school year, there shall be a \$ 15,000 lifetime tuition reimbursement cap per individual employee.
6. The Board will pay its commitment at the time of proof of completion of the course.
7. In all instances where the Board pays partially or fully for tuition the employee may be required to present one or more ideas from the class at a staff meeting.
8. Board will pay 100% of tuition for any course the Administration requests the teacher take, and said course shall not count towards the maximum allotted in previous section, item #1.
9. The step used to determine a teacher's pay will also be used to determine the eligible money for tuition reimbursement.
10. Professional staff will be reimbursed the cost of renewing their teaching certificate.

#### **D. Extra Duty Assignments**

1. Payment for extra duty assignments extending outside the normal load will be paid according to the schedule marked Appendix B which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement.
  2. When a teacher's regular assignment extends beyond the normal school year, the additional time shall be compensated at a pro-rate share of the teacher's current basic salary.
- E. Teachers must use a board approved vendor/underwriter who has a written agreement with the Kingsley Area Public School Board of Education for their tax deferred funds.

### **ARTICLE X. PROFESSIONAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

- A. Definitions of a Grievance: A grievance is a claim based upon a teacher's, a group of teachers, or the Kingsley Federation of Teacher's belief that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of any provision of this agreement or any existing rule, order or regulation of the Board specifically establishing a procedure for redress relating to wages, hours, terms or conditions of employment, but excluding any prohibited subjects. During that grievance discussion, the teacher shall identify to the principal that the teacher believes grounds for a grievance exists. The grievance procedure shall not apply to any matter which is prescribed by law, or state regulations or over which the Board is without power to act. No Board prerogatives or dispute over the modifications of this contract shall be made subject of a grievance. All grievances shall be filed by the Federation to the extent permitted by law.

The following matters shall not be the basis of any grievance filed under the procedure outlined in this article:

1. The termination of services, failure to reemploy any probationary teacher, or any prohibited subjects of bargaining.
2. The content of any evaluation or any other prohibited subject.

- B. The Federation may invoke the formal grievance procedure by submitting the grievance on a form designated for that purpose. This form shall be available from the grievance chairman. A copy of the grievance form shall be delivered to the principal.
- C. In the event that a teacher believes there is a basis for a grievance, he shall first discuss the alleged grievance with his building principal either personally or accompanied by the grievance chairman. During that grievance discussion, the teacher shall identify to the principal that the teacher believes grounds for a grievance exist. The grievance must be filed within ten (10 ) work days of the violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication.
- D. Within five (5) work days of receipt of the grievance, the principal shall meet with the Federation grievance chairman in an effort to resolve the grievance. The principal shall indicate his disposition of the grievance in writing within five (5) work days of such a meeting, and shall furnish a copy thereof to the grievance chairman.
- E. If the Federation is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance, or if no disposition has been made within five (5) work days of such a meeting (or ten work days from the date of filing, whichever shall be later) the grievance shall be transmitted to the superintendent. Within seven (7) work days the superintendent or his designee shall meet with the Federation on the grievance and shall indicate his disposition of the grievance in writing within five (5) work days of such meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to the Federation.
- F. If the Federation is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance by the superintendent or his designee, or if no disposition has been made within five (5) work days of such meeting (or ten work days from the date of filing, whichever shall be later) the grievance shall be transmitted to the Board by filing a written copy thereof with the secretary or other designee of the Board. The Board, no later than its next regular meeting or within two calendar weeks, whichever shall be later, may hold a hearing on the grievance, review such grievance in executive session if allowed under the Open Meetings Act, or give such other consideration as it shall deem appropriate. Disposition of the grievance in writing by the Board shall be made no later than seven (7) work days thereafter. A copy of such disposition shall be furnished to the Federation.
- G. If the decision of the Board is not satisfactory to the Federation, the grievance may be submitted within 10 working days of the Board's decision to arbitration before an impartial arbitrator, in accordance with the Michigan Uniform Arbitration Act. An arbitrator will be selected according to the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from the terms of this agreement. The arbitrator shall have no power to change established salary schedules, but may rule on the proper placement of persons on the established salary schedule. The arbitrator shall not hear any grievance previously barred from the scope of the grievance procedure. The arbitrator shall have no power to order punitive damages. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on both parties. It is understood that the arbitrator shall have no authority to waive said time limits. When either the federation or the district cannot complete their investigation due to the timeline associated with gathering information, such as FOIA, an extension shall be granted but in no case shall exceed 6 months total without mutual agreement. However, any extension taken by the federation or district will not cause the other to incur additional financial responsibilities.
- H. The parties must meet at a mutually scheduled date prior to the arbitration hearing.
- I. All costs associated with arbitration are to be shared equally by the Board and the Federation.

- J. The time limits provided in this article shall be strictly observed but may be extended by written agreement of the parties. Should an employee fail to institute a grievance or move it to subsequent steps within the time limits specified, the grievance will not be processed. In the event a grievance is filed after May 15 of any year and strict adherence to the time limits may result in hardship to any party, the Board shall use its best efforts to process such grievances prior to the end of the school term or as soon thereafter as possible.
- K. If an individual teacher has a personal complaint, which he desires to discuss with a principal, he is free to do so without recourse to the grievance procedure. However, no grievance shall be adjusted without prior notification to the Federation and opportunity for the grievance chairman to be present, nor shall any adjustment of a grievance be inconsistent with the terms of this agreement.
- L. It shall be general practice of all parties to process grievance procedures during times which do not interfere with assigned duties; provided, however, in the event it is mutually agreed by the aggrieved person, the Federation, and the Board to hold proceedings during regular working hours, a teacher participating in any level of the grievance procedure on his own behalf or on the behalf of the Federation, with any representative of the Board, shall be released from assigned duties without loss of salary.

## **ARTICLE XI. NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES**

- A. It is agreed that terms and working conditions provided in this agreement shall remain in effect until altered by mutual agreement in writing between the parties. Nevertheless, because of the special nature of the public educational process, it is likewise recognized that matters may from time to time arise of vital mutual concern of the parties which have not been fully or adequately negotiated between them. It is in the public interest that the opportunity for mutual discussion of such matters be provided. The parties accordingly undertake to cooperate in arranging meetings, selecting representatives for discussion, furnishing necessary information and otherwise constructively considering and resolving any such matters.
- B. During the school year in which this agreement expires, the Board agrees to begin negotiations with the Federation over a successor agreement in accordance with the procedure set forth herein in a good faith effort to reach agreement concerning teachers' salaries and all other working conditions. Such negotiations may include, but not be limited to, the subjects covered by this agreement and any other matters mutually agreed to be negotiable by the parties. Any agreement so negotiated will apply to all teachers, and will be reduced to writing and signed by the Board and the Federation.
- C. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating or bargaining representatives of the other party, and each party may select its representatives from within or outside the school district. While no final agreement shall be executed without ratification by the Federation and the Board, the parties mutually pledge that their representatives will be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make concessions in the course of negotiations.
- D. If the parties fail to reach an agreement in any such negotiations, either party may invoke the mediation machinery of the State Labor Mediation Board or take any other lawful measures it may deem appropriate.

## **ARTICLE XII. NO STRIKE CLAUSE**

The Federation agrees that it shall not authorize, engage in, condone, or ratify a strike. The parties hereby incorporate by the definition of strike as found in Section 1 of PERA.

## **ARTICLE XIII. AGREEMENT CONTRARY TO LAW AND MATTERS CONTRARY TO AGREEMENT**

- A. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of the Agreement, to any employee or group of employees, shall be found contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.
- B. This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or practices of the Board which shall be contrary to or inconsistent with its terms. The provisions of this Agreement shall be incorporated into and be considered part of the established policies of the Board.

## **ARTICLE XIV. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

- A. The provisions of this Agreement and the wages, hours, and working conditions shall be applied in a manner which is not arbitrary, capricious or discriminatory.
- B. Copies of this Agreement shall be posted on the school website.
- C. The Board will further use its best efforts to assist all teachers terminated for lack of employment to secure employment in adjacent school districts, so long as such efforts are warranted as determined by the Board in light of all circumstances.
- D. A seniority list will be kept by central office.
- E. Mentor System for Probationary Teachers
  - 1. The principal shall appoint a mentor from that list for each probationary teacher on the staff.
  - 2. The mentor shall be provided release time for a minimum of three classroom observations per year.
  - 3. Each classroom visitation, by the mentor, must be followed by a conference with the probationary teacher during common conference time.
  - 4. The mentor shall be responsible for meeting with the principal regularly during the school year to give input and insight on the probationary teacher's job performance.
  - 5. When a principal identifies a tenured staff member who is having difficulty, the principal has the option to assign a mentor to that staff member under the same provision as spelled out for the probationary teacher.



- F. Teachers shall not be required to perform health services of a medical nature, except for life threatening situations where reasonableness shall prevail.
- G. An emergency manager appointed under the Local Government and School District Fiscal Accountability Act, MCL 141.1501 et seq., shall have the authority to reject, modify, or terminate this Agreement as provided in that Act.
- H. If the district falls below 19% fund balance (general fund), as determined by the audit, teachers will pay for half of their vision, dental, life, and long term disability as well as 5% of the hard cap for their health insurance.
- I. Merit Pay – teachers being rated as highly effective or effective, on the will receive merit a merit payment of \$300.

## **ARTICLE XV. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Wherever the term "Teacher" is used it is to include any member or members of the bargaining unit.
- B. Wherever the singular is used it is to include the plural.
- C. Wherever the term "Board" is used it shall mean the Board of Education of the Kingsley Area School District, and shall include its designee upon whom the board has conferred authority to act in its place and stead.
- D. Wherever the term "Superintendent" is used it shall mean the Superintendent of Schools and shall include his designee upon whom the Superintendent has conferred authority to act in his place and stead.
- E. Wherever the term "Principal" is used it is to include the administrator of any work location or functional division or group.
- F. Wherever the term "this Agreement" is used it shall mean the Agreement itself, together with all appendices incorporated there in by reference.
- G. Wherever the term "Federation" is used it shall mean the Kingsley Teachers Federation and shall include its designee upon whom the Federation has conferred authority to act in its place and stead.
- H. Wherever the term "District" is used it shall mean the Kingsley Area School District.

## **ARTICLE XVI. WAGES**

- A. The teacher salary schedule will be as follows:

2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR 2% ON SCHEDULE					
Step	BA	BA+20	MA	MA+15	EDS
1	\$ 40,093	\$ 41,268	\$ 43,129	\$ 43,794	\$ -
2	\$ 42,156	\$ 43,365	\$ 45,341	\$ 46,035	\$ 48,389
3	\$ 44,220	\$ 45,458	\$ 47,547	\$ 48,274	\$ 50,622
4	\$ 46,280	\$ 47,555	\$ 49,759	\$ 51,469	\$ 54,079
5	\$ 48,348	\$ 49,654	\$ 51,966	\$ 52,758	\$ 54,876
6	\$ 50,409	\$ 51,751	\$ 54,177	\$ 55,002	\$ 57,342
7	\$ 52,474	\$ 53,843	\$ 56,387	\$ 57,242	\$ 59,572
8	\$ 54,535	\$ 55,937	\$ 58,597	\$ 59,483	\$ 61,814
9	\$ 56,598	\$ 58,034	\$ 60,803	\$ 61,729	\$ 64,058
10	\$ 58,662	\$ 60,133	\$ 63,013	\$ 63,967	\$ 66,288
11	\$ 60,726	\$ 62,226	\$ 65,225	\$ 66,211	\$ 68,534
12	\$ 62,788	\$ 64,322	\$ 67,433	\$ 68,450	\$ 70,766
13 to 16	\$ 64,284	\$ 65,824	\$ 68,933	\$ 69,953	\$ 71,487
17-20	\$ 65,612	\$ 67,325	\$ 70,436	\$ 71,454	\$ 72,989
21-24	\$ 66,966	\$ 68,861	\$ 71,973	\$ 72,989	\$ 74,555
25+	\$ 68,902	\$ 70,818	\$ 73,938	\$ 74,960	\$ 76,568

**A one-time off schedule longevity payment of \$1500 will be paid for the 2022/23 school year only.**

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR 2% ON SCHEDULE					
Step	BA	BA+20	MA	MA+15	EDS
1	\$ 40,895	\$ 42,094	\$ 43,991	\$ 44,670	\$ -
2	\$ 42,999	\$ 44,233	\$ 46,248	\$ 46,955	\$ 49,357
3	\$ 45,104	\$ 46,368	\$ 48,498	\$ 49,239	\$ 51,634
4	\$ 47,206	\$ 48,507	\$ 50,754	\$ 52,499	\$ 55,161
5	\$ 49,315	\$ 50,647	\$ 53,005	\$ 53,814	\$ 55,974
6	\$ 51,418	\$ 52,786	\$ 55,261	\$ 56,103	\$ 58,489
7	\$ 53,523	\$ 54,920	\$ 57,514	\$ 58,387	\$ 60,764
8	\$ 55,626	\$ 57,056	\$ 59,769	\$ 60,673	\$ 63,050
9	\$ 57,730	\$ 59,195	\$ 62,019	\$ 62,964	\$ 65,339
10	\$ 59,835	\$ 61,336	\$ 64,273	\$ 65,247	\$ 67,614
11	\$ 61,940	\$ 63,471	\$ 66,529	\$ 67,535	\$ 69,904
12	\$ 64,044	\$ 65,609	\$ 68,782	\$ 69,819	\$ 72,181
13 to 16	\$ 65,570	\$ 67,140	\$ 70,311	\$ 71,352	\$ 72,916
17-20	\$ 66,924	\$ 68,672	\$ 71,845	\$ 72,883	\$ 74,449
21-24	\$ 68,305	\$ 70,238	\$ 73,413	\$ 74,449	\$ 76,046
25+	\$ 70,280	\$ 72,234	\$ 75,417	\$ 76,459	\$ 78,100

2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR 2% ON SCHEDULE					
Step	BA	BA+20	MA	MA+15	EDS
1	\$ 41,713	\$ 42,935	\$ 44,871	\$ 45,563	\$ -
2	\$ 43,859	\$ 45,117	\$ 47,173	\$ 47,894	\$ 50,344
3	\$ 46,007	\$ 47,295	\$ 49,468	\$ 50,224	\$ 52,667
4	\$ 48,150	\$ 49,477	\$ 51,769	\$ 53,549	\$ 56,264
5	\$ 50,301	\$ 51,660	\$ 54,065	\$ 54,890	\$ 57,093
6	\$ 52,446	\$ 53,841	\$ 56,366	\$ 57,225	\$ 59,659
7	\$ 54,594	\$ 56,018	\$ 58,665	\$ 59,555	\$ 61,979
8	\$ 56,739	\$ 58,197	\$ 60,964	\$ 61,886	\$ 64,311
9	\$ 58,884	\$ 60,378	\$ 63,260	\$ 64,223	\$ 66,646
10	\$ 61,032	\$ 62,562	\$ 65,558	\$ 66,552	\$ 68,966
11	\$ 63,179	\$ 64,740	\$ 67,860	\$ 68,886	\$ 71,303
12	\$ 65,325	\$ 66,921	\$ 70,158	\$ 71,216	\$ 73,624
13 to 16	\$ 66,882	\$ 68,483	\$ 71,717	\$ 72,779	\$ 74,375
17-20	\$ 68,262	\$ 70,045	\$ 73,282	\$ 74,341	\$ 75,938
21-24	\$ 69,671	\$ 71,643	\$ 74,881	\$ 75,938	\$ 77,567
25+	\$ 71,686	\$ 73,679	\$ 76,925	\$ 77,988	\$ 79,662

B. Criteria for Advanced Pay Schedule

1. To be placed on any advanced pay scale the teacher must provide transcripts or a letter from the instructor until official transcripts are available; by September 1<sup>st</sup> of that school year. When official transcripts are made available they shall be submitted to District Office. The scale that the employee qualifies for as of September 1st of any given year is the scale they shall be on for that entire year.
2. College credits earned for being placed on an advanced salary schedule must be evaluated by the supervisor and must meet the following criteria in order to be accepted for placement on the new scale:
  - a. Must be graduate credits
  - b. In areas of certification or towards an additional teaching area as approved by the supervisor
  - c. In teaching methodology and school administration as approved by the supervisor

- C. The district will set up a flex spending program so employees can pay for allowable expenses with pre-tax dollars as allowed under the plan and the IRS Code.

**ARTICLE XVII. DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon ratification by both the KFT and the Kingsley Area School Board. The duration of the agreement shall be for 3 years, 2022/23 – 2024/25 school years.

This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.

Appendix B shall be negotiated in the event of new duties not listed in the present Extra Duty Pay Schedule.

FOR THE FEDERATION

FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

_____ PRESIDENT	Date	_____ PRESIDENT	Date
_____ SECRETARY	Date	_____ SECRETARY	Date
_____ TREASURER	Date	_____ TREASURER	Date
_____ NEGOTIATOR	Date	_____ NEGOTIATOR	Date

## **APPENDIX A- Preschool**

Both the district and the federation not only recognize the importance of having a preschool program but also acknowledge the historical financial difficulties encountered with running one. It is understood that it is our mutual goal to bring these positions up to normal wage and benefits levels over time through the negotiation process where 1) all parties can benefit and not be harmed and 2) the preschool program can remain financially viable.

Should it be necessary to move a K-12 KFT member to one of these positions, the district recognizes that any individual transferred would maintain their current pay, be granted longevity steps on the master agreement in subsequent school years, be eligible for column shifts in subsequent school years, receive any pay raise as the result of future contract negotiations, and maintain all rights granted by the most current master agreement.

For the purpose of this agreement teacher refers to the Lead Teacher in a GSRP classroom.

Each teacher in the preschool program will receive a minimum of \$100.00 per day based on an 8 hour day. Each preschool teacher will be eligible for single subscriber health insurance. \$6,345 will be offered as cash in lieu of single subscriber health insurance. This employee will not be eligible for vision, dental, LTD, or life insurance at this time.

**APPENDIX B - EXTRA-DUTY SCHEDULE**

Appendix B offerings shall be based on student interest, financial stability, and other pertinent factors. The Kingsley Board of Education reserves full discretion to determine these offerings and coaching assignments. There is no tenure for Appendix B positions. Discharge from any of these positions, at any time, will only occur for a reason that is not arbitrary or capricious. Any person being discharged or not retained by the board will have the opportunity to have a hearing with the board. The athletic director or administrative designee will complete annual coaching evaluations. Coaching renewals will be dependent upon a minimum of adequate evaluation. A 2% increase will be added on schedule for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Head Football Head Boy's Basketball Head Girl's Basketball Head Volleyball Head Wrestling Band Cross Country Baseball Boys Track Girls Track Golf Softball Soccer	\$4,261 plus \$191 for each year's experience in coaching that sport at Kingsley for a maximum of six(6) years.
J.V. Football J.V. Boys Basketball J.V. Girls Basketball J.V. Volleyball	\$3,098 plus \$191 for each year's experience in coaching that sport at Kingsley for a maximum of six(6) years.
J.V. Baseball J.V. Softball Sideline Cheerleading Fall Sideline Cheerleading Winter Competitive Cheer	\$2,325
Assistant Coaches Varsity Football      \$3,098 JV Football            \$2,325 Track and Field        \$2,325	
Additional assistant coaching positions may be available. The head coach may request to the AD the desire to add an assistant position(s). The BOE has the right to not only offer additional assistant coaching positions, but also split positions as well.	
Drama Club (with at least one play per year to be produced) Outdoor Adventure Club Yearbook 9th Basketball 9th Grade Volleyball	\$1,743

MS Cheer Winter 7th Boys Basketball 8th Boys Basketball 7th Girls Basketball 8th Girls Basketball MS Wrestling Middle School Football Middle School Football JH Boys Track JH Girls Track MS Cross Country 7th Grade Volleyball 8th Grade Volleyball	
7th/8th Grade Cheerleading (during 7th/8th boys basketball season)	\$1,407
Student Council National Honor Society (HS) Jr. National Honor Society (MS) Forensics Volunteer Club Advisor	\$775
Middle School Student Council Middle School Yearbook Middle School Class Advisors	\$387
Safety Patrol Advisor	\$387 with additional \$191 experience credit with maximum years credit at 6 years

Close-Up Advisor	Advisor's trip tuition and \$ 100 stipend for meals
Teacher Academy	To be determined and paid by TBAISD
Summer School Teacher	\$30.00 per hour
Advisory Committee/ Department Head	\$25.00 per hour (as assigned by management)
Weight Room Supervisor	\$30.00 per hour

Class Advisors will be paid according to the following schedule. A job description will be generated, and pay will be based on simple evidence that the job description has been met.

9th and 10th grade \$775      11th grade \$1,162      12th grade \$1,723

## **APPENDIX C - Kingsley Area Schools – CALENDAR**

## **APPENDIX D - VERIFICATION OF LEAVE**

(Can be found on website under Teachers and Forms)

## **APPENDIX E - LESSON PLAN GUIDELINES**

1. Name of textbook - pages of last assignment, pages of next assignment
2. List of extra materials or equipment
3. What method of teaching or what activity the substitute is to pursue
4. Some extra work in case the Sub finishes the assignment
5. Name of a helper in each class
6. Enough work to keep the class busy for the whole period and then some
7. Directions for general class routine
8. Up-to-date class book and seating chart for each class or alphabetical list of students and in the elementary, name tags for each child's desk

## **APPENDIX F – INSURANCE**

- A. Upon proper application and acceptance for enrollment by the appropriate insurance underwriter, policyholder and/or carrier, the Board shall make premium payments for health insurance coverage for all eligible federation Members and their eligible dependents toward the Federation's preferred insurance plan(s) in a combined monthly amount not to exceed the following amounts paid per eligible Federation Member:

Single Federation Members:	Up to the allowable state hard cap.
2-Person Federation Members:	Up to the allowable state hard cap.
Full Family Federation Members:	Up to the allowable state hard cap.

Upon request, the Federation shall identify preferred health, vision, dental, and LTD insurance plan(s) and provide all details necessary for Employer implementation within fifteen (15) days of the request. Should the Federation fail to identify preferred insurance plan(s) and provide all details necessary for Employer implementation within fifteen (15) days of the request, at the District's discretion, the insurance plan(s) shall be the plan(s) then in effect or the plan(s) adopted for the administration, however, the employer paid premium amounts stated above shall not change; the Federation Member shall be solely responsible for any remaining amounts.

Should the Employer have previously funded a Health Savings Account for the Federation Member's benefit during the calendar year in which the insurance plan is implemented, the maximum Employer contributions listed above shall be reduced by the amount the Employer funded the Health Savings Account.

Any premium amounts beyond the Employer's contribution, as specified above, which are required to maintain the selected coverage(s) are the responsibility of the Federation Member and shall be payroll deducted. The Federation Member may sign an agreement authorizing that any such premium amounts



be payroll deducted through the Employer's Section 125 Plan. Where a Federation Member is paid through less than 26 pays, the Federation Member shall have prorated deductions removed from their pay sufficient to cover the Federation Member's health insurance premium contributions for the summer period. Where an Federation Member is paid through less than 26 pays and becomes responsible for premium payments under this provision during the summer, the member shall be responsible for paying the difference directly to the District. The Employer shall have the right to make deduction of any amounts due from the Federation Member's wages, and shall be held harmless from any liability arising from the deduction.

Federation Members who have access to another District Employee's District funded insurance shall not be eligible for Employer provided insurance, but must instead accept cash-in-lieu. Exceptions shall be made for employees who are less than 26 years of age and who are covered by a parent's District funded insurance, but have dependents of their own. Those individuals may take the District funded insurance. During open enrollment, Federation Members electing health care coverage will sign a statement that they are complying with this paragraph.

- B. Upon proper application and acceptance for enrollment by the appropriate insurance underwriter, policyholder and/or carrier, the Board shall pay 100% of premium payments for vision, dental, and LTD insurance coverage for all eligible federation Members and their eligible dependents toward the Federation's preferred insurance plan(s).
- C. Employees/ and or new dependent opting to take insurance must sign-up for this option during the enrollment period of May 1<sup>st</sup> thru June 15<sup>th</sup> unless another period is specified by law. Employees hired during the school year have 30 days from date of hire to enroll in insurance. It is understood that throughout the school year that changes do occur and need to be processed according to the Insurance Plan guidelines and IRS rules. Failure to enroll self or dependents during the designated insurance provider/IRS windows shall mean loss of this benefit for that school year.
- D. A committee will convene when necessary to study cost saving measures without loss of coverage.
- E. "Cash in Lieu of Insurance will be paid at a flat rate of \$3,000. Anyone receiving cash in lieu as of May 4, 2021 will be grandfathered in and will continue to have cash in lieu calculated the same way as it was during the 2020-21 school year. Cash in lieu is an option available to the following employees:
  - 1. Employees electing not to receive health insurance benefits.
  - 2. Employees who are eligible for coverage under another Kingsley Area School employee's health insurance benefits are not eligible for employer provided health insurance on their own or cash in lieu. Current married staff will be grandfathered. Future marriages of current staff or other situations resulting in the aforementioned situation will not be grandfathered in
  - 3. The grandfathered rate of cash in lieu is calculated at 50% of the district's monetary obligation of single subscriber (health, dental, vision, LTD, life.
- F. A comprehensive physical may be required a minimum of once every two years. The costs of this service shall be paid for by the Board of Education through their health insurance plan. Evidence of this physical will be provided by the employee for their segregated file.

- G. Unless otherwise noted within this Agreement, or as required by law, Federation Members on unpaid leave status or who have exhausted leave allowed under this Agreement are financially responsible for the Employer's portion of health care premiums for those days.
- H. Federation Members are hereby advised that they may have a right pursuant to Section 4438 of the Insurance Code of 1956, MCL 500.4438, to convert their life insurance policy, and that the Federation Member must make application to the life insurance carrier within 31 days of any termination of their employment status.
- I. To the extent permitted by law and/or insurer's policies, Employer-paid insurance premium contributions shall continue as long as the Federation Member is in a pay status, but terminate at the end of the month during which the Federation Member ceases to be in a pay status, except as is otherwise provided herein or by law. Federation Members may continue the coverage at their own expense to the extent permitted by law.
- J. The terms of any insurance contract or policy issued by an insurance underwriter, carrier, policyholder or third-party administrator shall be controlling as to all matters concerning benefits, eligibility, coverage, termination of coverage, and other related matters. The Federation Member is responsible for assuring completion of all forms and documents required for his/her participation in the above-described insurance programs. The Employer, by payment of its share of the insurance premium payments indicated above, shall be relieved from any and all liability with respect to insurance benefits. Such matters shall be excluded from the scope of the grievance procedure, except the Employer's failure to remit contractual premium amounts required of it.
- J. Changes in family status shall be reported by the Federation Member to the Employer within thirty (30) days of such change. The Federation Member shall be responsible for any overpayment of premium made by the Employer on his/her behalf for failure to comply with this paragraph.
- K. Employees opting to take insurance must sign-up for this option during the enrollment period of June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Employees hired after June 30 or during the school year have 30 days from the date of hire to enroll in insurance. The annual insurance coverage is from July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Failure to enroll during the designated time shall mean loss of this benefit for that school year.

**APPENDIX G. - GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM**

**GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM**

Grievance # \_\_\_\_\_ School District \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution of form  
1. Superintendent      2. Principal      3. Federation      4. Teacher  
Submit to Principal in Duplicate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Building                      Assignment                      Name of Grievant                      Date Filed

**Step 1**

A. Date Cause of Grievance Occurred \_\_\_\_\_

B. 1. Statement of Grievance \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Relief Sought \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature                      Date

**Step 2**

A. Disposition by Principal \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature                      Date

B. Position of Grievant and/or Federation \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature                      Date

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**Step 3**

A. Date received by the Superintendent or Designee \_\_\_\_\_

B. Disposition of the Superintendent or Designee \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Date

C. Position of Grievant and/or Federation \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

#### Step 4

A. A. Date received by Board of Education or Designee \_\_\_\_\_

B. Disposition by Board \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Date

C. Position of Grievant and./or Federation \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Date

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#### Step 5

A. Date sent to American Arbitration Association \_\_\_\_\_

B. Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

C. Findings of the Arbitrator \_\_\_\_\_

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Grievant and/or Federation Date

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Board of Education Date

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