

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT CODY-KILGORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THIS CONTRACT is made by and between the Board of Education of Cody-Kilgore Public Schools, legally known as Cherry County School District No. 16-0030, and referred to as "the Board" and "the School District" respectively, and Ryan Orrock, referred to herein as "the Superintendent". In accordance with its action taken and recorded in the minutes of a duly advertised board meeting, the Board agrees to employ the Superintendent, and the Superintendent agrees to accept such employment, subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

Section 1. Term of Contract. The Superintendent shall be employed for a period of two years beginning on July 1, 2024, and expiring on June 30, 2026. References to "contract year" shall mean the period from July 1st through June 30th and generally will consist of all days, except Saturdays and Sundays and any holidays or leave days listed in Section 11, but it includes those days if it is necessary for the Superintendent to complete his contractual duties

Section 2. Renewal of Contract. If a Board representative does not inform the Superintendent in writing on or before the seventh day after the regular December board meeting during the second year of this two-year contract, and each subsequent year thereafter, of the Board's intention to consider the nonrenewal or amendment of this contract, the contract will automatically renew for a period of one year from and after the expiration date provided in Section 1 of this contract. The Superintendent shall remind the Board in writing of this provision no later than its regular November meeting of each such year of this contract in which the contract may renew for an additional year, beginning with the second year of this contract, and shall make the renewal of his employment contract an agenda item for the regular December board meeting during each such year of this contract, beginning with the second year of this contract. At the time of each contract renewal and/or amendment, the Superintendent shall be responsible for taking all necessary steps to ensure that the district has complied with the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act.

Section 3. Salary. The Superintendent's salary shall be \$130,000 for the first year of this contract and \$130,000 for the second year of this contract, which annual salaries shall be paid in 12 equal monthly installments each contract year beginning in the month of July 2024. The Board shall not reduce the Superintendent's salary during the term of the contract, but may increase it and/or the benefits during the term of this contract, as an amendment to the contract, without the amendment constituting a new contract, requiring a hearing, or extending the term of this contract.

Section 4. Deductions. This contract shall conform to the statutes and regulations governing deductions from compensation. The Superintendent authorizes the district to deduct or withhold from each and every period of pay any amounts necessary to offset any damages caused by the Superintendent or the

value of property or money entrusted to the Superintendent or owed by the Superintendent to the District during the course of or as a result of the Superintendent's employment, if such property or money have not properly been returned to the district. The school district shall withhold other deductions as the Superintendent and Board may agree.

Section 5. Professional Status. The Superintendent affirms that he is not under contract with any other board of education covering any part or all of the term provided in this contract. Throughout the contract term, he will hold a valid and appropriate certificate to act as a superintendent of schools in the State of Nebraska which he will register and maintain on file in the school district's central administrative office. This contract shall not be valid and the Board will not compensate the Superintendent for any service performed prior to the date that he registers his certificate.

Section 6. Superintendent's Duties. The Superintendent's duties shall be as prescribed by law and as required by Board policies, rules, regulations, and directives consistent with the Superintendent's certifications, endorsements, training, and education. If any duty required of the district by law, regulation, or rule cannot be carried out by the Superintendent, the Superintendent will inform the Board as soon as practicable and propose courses of action to fulfil any such obligations. The Superintendent agrees to devote his time, skill, labor and attention to his duties throughout the contract term. He shall be subject to the direction and control of the Board at all times and shall perform such administrative duties as the Board assigns to his. By agreement with the Board, he may undertake consultative work, speaking engagements, writing, lecturing, or other professional duties and obligations as long as they do not interfere with carrying out his duties and obligations to the school district.

Section 7. Board-Superintendent Relationship. The Board shall be primarily responsible for formulating and adopting policy. The Superintendent shall be the chief administrative officer for the district and shall be responsible for implementing Board policy. He shall organize the administrative and supervisory staff, and select, place, and transfer personnel with the concurrence of the Board. He is responsible for administering the instruction of students and the business affairs of the school district. The Board members agree, individually and collectively, to promptly refer all criticisms, complaints, and suggestions called to their attention to the Superintendent for action, study and/or recommendation, as appropriate and unless otherwise directed by law or policy.

Section 8. Cancellation or Mid-Term Amendment. The Board may cancel or amend this contract during its term for any of the following reasons: (a) the cancellation, termination, revocation, or suspension of the Superintendent's certificate (Nebraska Administrative and Supervisory Certificate, or the Nebraska

Professional Administrative and Supervisory Certificate) by the State Board of Education: (b) any of the reasons set forth in this contract; (c) the breach of any of the material provisions of this contract; (d) incompetence; (e) neglect of duty; (f) unprofessional conduct; (g) insubordination; (h) conduct involving moral turpitude; (i) physical or mental incapacity; (j) immorality; (k) conviction of a felony; (l) any conduct that substantially interferes with the Superintendent's continued performance of his duties; (m) any arrest, criminal charge, or criminal conviction of Superintendent or the failure to report the same; (n) any filing against the Superintendent under Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 43-247 or any other provision of the Nebraska Juvenile Code for child abuse and/or neglect or the failure to report the same; (o) knowingly falsifying school district records or documents; (p) misrepresentation of fact to the district and its personnel in the conduct of the district's official business; (q) the use or possession of illegal drugs or controlled substances except as prescribed by a physician; or (r) being under the influence of illegal drugs, controlled substances, or alcohol while on school grounds, at school events, or in a vehicle owned, leased or contracted by the district prescribed by a physician. The procedures for cancellation or amendment shall be in accordance with state statutes. The parties agree that the Superintendent's failure to comply with his duties under Section 2 (Renewal of Contract) or Section 15 (Evaluation) shall constitute a material breach of this contract.

Section 9. Disability. If the Superintendent is unable to perform his duties by reason of illness, accident or other disability beyond his control, and the disability continues for a period of more than forty (40) days or if the disability is permanent, irreparable, or of such a nature as to make performance of his duties impossible, the Board may initiate action to cancel this contract, whereupon the respective rights, duties and obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate, with the exception of any benefits to be paid to the Superintendent under any insurance coverage furnished by the district.

Section 10. Transportation. The Board shall provide the Superintendent with transportation or reimburse him for mileage required in the performance of his official duties at the rate approved by the Board.

Section 11. Fringe Benefits. The Board shall provide the Superintendent with the following fringe benefits:

- a. Health Insurance. Family health insurance that is provided to certificated staff through the district's health insurance carrier.
- b. Dental Insurance. Family dental insurance that is available to certificated staff through the district's health insurance carrier,

- c. Life Insurance. Term life insurance with a total death benefit of Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) with the option to purchase an additional \$90,000 of coverage.
- d. Sick Leave. The Superintendent shall be entitled to ten (10) days of sick leave per year which may accumulate to a total of thirty (30) days. Sick leave may only be used for personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, as defined in district policy, (Policy 4079) or bereavement leave. If the Superintendent qualifies for disability pay under the long- term disability policy, he shall be required to take the disability pay instead of sick leave pay. The Superintendent shall keep complete and accurate records of his sick days and shall provide the Board of Education with a report of his accumulated sick days at least quarterly. The Superintendent shall not be compensated for unused days of sick leave upon the ending of his employment with the district.
- e. Disability Insurance. The Superintendent shall purchase long-term disability insurance from the school district's carrier at his own expense. The Board will increase his salary by the amount of the premium cost.
- f. Vacation. The Superintendent shall have twenty (20) vacation days for each contract year which he may use at times he chooses so long as his absence does not interfere with the proper performance of his duties. Any extended vacation period while school is in session will require advance approval by the Board, and the parties will cooperate in arranging vacation time so as to cause the least inconvenience to the normal operation of the district. After the initial contract year, the Board shall give the Superintendent the number of days necessary to restore his total to twenty (20) days. For example, if he uses 12 days of vacation one year, the board will provide him with 12 days the following year to bring his total to 20 days. The Superintendent shall develop a system for recording his use of vacation days and shall keep such records current and on file in the district's central office. The Superintendent shall keep complete and accurate records of his vacation days and shall provide the Board of Education with a report of his accumulated vacation days at least quarterly. The Board may require him to use his vacation days and shall compensate him for unused vacation days upon the conclusion of his employment. The Board shall compensate him for unused vacation days upon the conclusion of his employment at a rate of \$100.00 per day.
- g. Professional Development. The Superintendent is expected to continue his professional development and to participate in relevant learning experiences. With the approval of the Board, he may attend appropriate professional meetings at the local, state, regional and national level; and the

Board will pay for valid expenses of attendance. If the Superintendent attends a national convention and does not return following the initial year of employment as Superintendent, the Superintendent agrees to repay the District in full for national convention expenses paid by the District.

h. Professional Dues. The school district will pay the annual dues for the Superintendent's membership in the following organizations: Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA), and The American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

L Physical Examination. The Superintendent may voluntarily undergo a physical examination. The Superintendent agrees that he will authorize the physician performing each such examination to provide the Board with all records, results and medical judgments of the examination, up to \$500 of the cost of such physical examination and physician's reports which are not paid for by the Superintendent's insurance coverage shall be paid by the District.

j Holidays. The Superintendent shall receive the following paid holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.

I Expense Reimbursement. The Board shall pay or reimburse the Superintendent for expenses that are actually, necessarily, and reasonably incurred in attending educational seminars, conventions, and workshops; conferences; training programs; official school functions, hearings or meetings, provided that (1) such payment or expense is authorized by the Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditures Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. S 13-2201 et seq.) or some other provision of law, and (2) the Superintendent shall secure the prior approval of the Board before incurring any such expense when the anticipated aggregate expense of any single event is \$500.00 or more.

L Housing. The School District will provide district housing, if available, to the Superintendent at no cost to the Superintendent. The School District will pay all utilities and major improvements to district provided housing.

Section 12. No Penalty for Release or Resignation. There shall not be a penalty for the release or resignation of the Superintendent from this contract; provided no resignation shall become effective until the expiration of the contract unless it is accepted by the Board, and the Board shall fix the date at which the resignation shall take effect.

Section 13. Compensation Upon Termination and Credit for Accrued Vacation. Upon lawful termination of this contract for any reason, the compensation to be paid hereunder shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the annual salary specified as the number of months or fraction thereof to the date of such termination bears to the 12 months in the annual salary period in which termination occurs. The Superintendent shall refund any portion of the salary he was paid but had not earned prior to the date of termination of this contract. He shall be paid for any unused vacation days at the daily compensation rate then in effect at the termination of employment.

Section 14. Evaluation. The Board shall evaluate the Superintendent twice during his first year of employment and at least once each year thereafter. The first evaluation during the first year of employment and the yearly evaluations after the first year of employment shall occur no later than the regular December meeting. The Superintendent shall: remind the Board members in writing of this provision no later than its regular November meeting; make his evaluation an agenda item for the regular December board meeting during each year of this contract; and provide them with the written evaluation instrument that is on file with the Nebraska Department of Education.

Section 15. Legal Actions. The Board will support the Superintendent if there is a legal dispute caused by his carrying out his duties properly. If a legal action, including a professional practice complaint, is threatened or filed against the Superintendent as a result of his performance of his duties or his position as Superintendent of the district, the Board will provide him with a legal defense to the maximum extent permitted by law so long as he acted in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the district and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Section 16, Physical or Mental Examination. The Superintendent agrees that, at the request of the Board, he will have a comprehensive physical and/or mental examination performed by one or more licensed physicians or psychologists of the Boards choosing during the term of this Contract. In deference to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and HIPAA, the physician's report to the Board must address whether the Superintendent is able to perform the "essential functions" of his position.

Section 17. Disciplinary Action. The parties agree that the Board president may place the Superintendent on paid leave by delivering written notice of the same when the Board president determines it is in the best interests of the school district to do so. The paid leave shall continue unless and until a majority of the Board determines otherwise at a duly convened meeting. The Board may suspend the Superintendent without pay for a period not to exceed thirty (30) working days, Prior to suspending the Superintendent without pay, the Board president or secretary shall deliver a written notice to the Superintendent advising him of the alleged reasons for the

proposed action and provided the opportunity to present his version of the facts. Within seven calendar days after receipt of such notice, the Superintendent may make a written request to the secretary of the school board for a formal due process hearing under section 79-832, If such a request is not delivered within such time, the action of the Board shall become final.

Section 18. Governing Laws. The parties shall be governed by all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations in performance of their respective duties and obligations under this contact.

Section 19. Amendments to be in Writing. This contract may be modified or amended only by a writing duly authorized and executed by the Superintendent and the Board.

Section 20, Severability. If any portion of this contract is declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions of this contract.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this contract on the dates indicated below.

Executed by the Board this _____ day of _____, 2024.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Executed by the Superintendent on this day _____ of
_____, 2024.

Superintendent