

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

**THE WEST KINGMAN COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS**

AND

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

2026-2027

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ARTICLE I

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to the provisions of the resolution adopted by the Board on October 11, 2004, the Board recognizes the West Kingman County Association of American Educators as the exclusive representative for the purpose of professional negotiation for classroom teachers and other professional employees except administrative employees and substitute teachers.

All rights and privileges granted to the Association under the terms and provisions of this agreement are for the exclusive use of the association.

The representatives of the West Kingman County Association of American Educators and the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 332 have completed professional negotiations in accordance with the spirit and letter of Kansas laws covering professional negotiations. The agreement thus reached is therefore incorporated into an Agreement which is legally binding on both parties and formulates a portion of the procedures and regulations relative to teacher employment in Unified School District No. 332.

This Agreement will be an appendix in the Unified School District No. 332 Board of Education policy handbook.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

1. **THE ASSOCIATION:** The West Kingman County Association of American Educators.
2. **THE BOARD:** The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 332.

3. **SUPERINTENDENT:** The Superintendent of Unified School District No. 332.
4. **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL SYSTEM:** Unified School District No. 332.
5. **TEACHER:** All professional employees of Unified School District No. 332 (except administrative employees and substitute teachers) employed in a position requiring a certificate issued by the State Board of Education.
6. **ADMINISTRATOR:** All employees of Unified School District No. 332 holding a position in which an administrative certificate is required by the State Department of Education.
7. **GRIEVANCE:** A complaint by a teacher, group of teachers, or the Association based on an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication by the district of a negotiated contract or agreement, a board policy, administrative regulation or practice affecting conditions of employment.
8. Whenever the singular is used in the Agreement, it is to include the plural as appropriate.
9. **BARGAINING UNIT:** All classroom teachers and other professional employees except administrators and substitute teachers of Unified School District No. 332.
10. **DAY:** Unless otherwise designated, it is to be understood to mean a calendar day.

ARTICLE III SAVINGS CLAUSE

If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to a member or group of members of the bargaining unit is held contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid or subsisting; except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue to full force and effect. Furthermore, either the Board or the Association may request a re-opener into negotiations on items that are related to any provision found to be contrary to law. The parties agree to meet within 15 days after the next regularly scheduled Board meeting subsequent to the request to re open.

ARTICLE IV DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be in full force and effect beginning on **July 1, 2026** through and including **June 30, 2027**.

ARTICLE V LENGTH OF CONTRACT

- A. CONTRACT DAYS:** The length of the contract shall be for 176 days.
- B. NON-ATTENDANCE:** Teacher attendance shall not be required whenever student attendance is not required due to inclement weather.

ARTICLE VI

WORK DAY

- A. LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY:** The length of the working day for all teachers shall be an eight (8) hour classroom day. The time of arrival and departure will be assigned by the attendance center principal at the beginning of each school year. The teachers day shall end at the time students are dismissed on days preceding holidays and vacations. School will be dismissed at 1:30 PM on the last day of each nine week grading period to allow time for teachers to process grade cards.

In the event a teacher covers for another teacher during their planning period he/she will be paid at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, with a minimum of one-half hour.

- B. PREPARATION TIME:** The administration shall make a concerted effort to provide each teacher, in addition to their lunch period, a daily preparation time, of at least (30) minutes, during which they shall not be assigned to any other duties.

ARTICLE VII

LEAVE

A. SICK LEAVE:

1. Each teacher will be allowed ten (10) days sick leave per year accumulative to seventy (70) days. Experienced teachers new to Unified School District No. 332 may transfer (not to exceed) fifteen (15) days of accumulated sick leave from the year immediately preceding employment by Unified School District No. 332. Written verification is required by October 1 during the first year of employment.

2. Sick leave shall cover absences for teacher and members of the teacher's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife, son, daughter, and any other relative who makes his or her home permanently in the household of the teacher.
3. The following guidelines will be used to determine the amount of sick leave to be deducted when the teacher is absent less than a full day:
 - a. Absent less than (25%) twenty five percent of the school day - deduct (0) zero day.
 - b. Absent (25%) twenty five percent and less than (75%) seventy five percent of the school day - deduct (.5) one half day.
 - c. Absent (75%) seventy five percent or above of the school day - deduct (1) one day.
4. The Board will pay each teacher \$30.00 per day for each day of sick leave over 60 days at the end of each contract year. (Half days will be paid for at the rate of \$15.00 per each) Payment will be made when final bills for the fiscal year is approved by the Board of Education.

B. PERSONAL LEAVE:

Each full time teacher is granted three days per year for personal business accumulative to five (5) days. The teacher shall notify the administration 24 hours in advance, unless time does not warrant it. Additional days may be allowed in emergency situations, but these additional days must have the prior approval of the Superintendent.

1. Leave for personal business may not be taken during the preschool duty days, the first week of school, the last week of school, the post school duty day, or the day before or after any

regularly scheduled vacation period. Personal leave may be granted on these days in some emergency situations, but must have prior approval of the Superintendent.

2. The Board will pay each teacher \$30.00 per day for each day of Personal leave over 3 days at the end of each contract year. (Half days will be paid for at the rate of \$15.00 per each) Payment will be made when final bills for the fiscal year are approved by the Board of Education.

C. PROFESSIONAL LEAVE:

Teachers may be granted temporary leave with pay to attend conventions and conferences related to their specific assignments, or to observe instructional programs in action in another school either within or outside the district. Such leaves must be approved by the Superintendent at least one week in advance of their occurrence after having discussed it with the principal. All requests for such leave shall be in writing.

D. JURY DUTY LEAVE:

Teachers summoned for jury duty should fulfill this responsibility, if possible, with no loss in pay while serving. Payment received, excluding mileage, received for such service by the teacher shall be submitted to the school district clerk upon its receipt by the teacher.

E. ASSOCIATION LEAVE:

Teachers may use up to (4) four days per year for association leave with no reduction in pay and with the substitute teacher being paid by the board. The four days is the maximum to be allowed for the total teaching staff covered under this agreement.

Teachers must notify the building principal at least (3) three days prior to the intended use of such leave in order for association leave

to be honored by the board. In emergencies, the Superintendent may waive the "three day notice" requirement.

F. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE:

Upon the death of an immediate family member, four (4) days of bereavement leave will be granted. The immediate family is hereby defined as: father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren. In addition, it shall include any relative living in the employee's household. Bereavement leave used for other than immediate family or days requested beyond these four (4) days will be charged to sick leave.

G. EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Teachers are entitled, subject to approval of the Board, to extended leaves for health, maternity, and adoption. The length of each extended leave shall be established by the Board after reviewing the request of the teacher. Extended leave shall not be considered termination of employment.

Extended leaves shall be subject to the following provisions. The teacher shall:

1. Receive no salary from USD #332 when he/she is on extended leave.
2. Retain, during the extended leave, accumulated temporary leave days but will not receive credit for any additional temporary leave days.
3. Retain membership, if so desired, in the group insurance plan during extended leave for the period of time allowable by the insurance company. Arrangements for payment of dues must be made in advance with the Superintendent.

4. Be reassigned in a regular position which is at least comparable to the one which the teacher held when the extended leave commenced, exclusive of supplemental assignments. If the date of return from extended leave is other than the beginning of the school year, the effective date of return shall be subject to a vacancy for which the teacher is qualified. If the date of return from extended leave is the beginning of the school year, the assignment shall be assured, provided the teacher notifies the Superintendent on or before April 15th of his or her intention to return. On or before March 15th, the Superintendent shall make reasonable attempts to notify the teacher on leave of this provision.
5. Prior to resuming duties on return from an extended leave for health or maternity the teacher will present to the Superintendent a statement from a physician that the teacher is physically able to resume normal duties required of his or her assignment.

Application for extended leaves shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. Application for extended leaves to be effective at the beginning of a school year shall be made on or before March 15th.
2. Application for extended leaves that are to be effective at a time other than at the beginning of a school year, shall be made as soon as the extended leaves is necessary.
3. All applications for extended leaves shall be made on the form provided by the district.
4. The application for extended leave shall be filed with the Superintendent of Schools.

ARTICLE VIII

SICK LEAVE BANK

1. Certified employees may choose to participate annually in the Emergency Leave Bank by contributing one (1) day of available sick or personal leave to the Bank. The employee shall notify the Central Office during the Section 125 open enrollment period of their decision to participate in the Emergency Leave Bank. New certified employees contracted after the enrollment period may enter into the Emergency Leave Bank during the time of their Section 125 enrollment.
2. During the first year of the leave bank, the Board of Education will contribute 20 days to the bank. The Board will contribute 15 days to the leave bank once the bank total falls below fifty (50) days, except within the last thirty (30) calendar days of the contract year.
3. An employee must have contributed to the Bank in order to request and be eligible to receive days from the Bank.
4. After all accumulated sick leave and personal leave have been exhausted, any teacher may make application for up to thirty (30) days sick leave from the sick leave bank. An additional ten (10) days may be granted with the approval of the President of West Kingman County Association of American Educators and the Superintendent upon application. Substitute teacher's pay shall be deducted from the teacher's salary for these additional ten (10) days.
5. The Emergency Leave Bank Committee will be composed of two (2) members; the Superintendent/designee; the West Kingman County Association of American Educators President/designee.
6. The Committee shall consider granting Emergency Leave from the Bank for catastrophic or chronic conditions affecting the teacher or the teacher's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as father, mother, sister, brother, husband, wife, son, daughter, and any other relative who makes his or her home permanently in the household of the teacher.

7. Decisions of the Emergency Leave Bank Committee shall be final and not subject to the grievance procedure.
8. An employee who is not satisfied with the decision of the District Emergency Leave Bank Committee shall have the right to address within 10 working days the District Emergency Leave Bank Committee and may be accompanied by an Association representative(s).
9. In order to remain in the Bank, a member must contribute one additional day when the Bank total falls below fifty (50) days, except within the last thirty (30) calendar days of the contract year.
10. Unused Emergency Leave Bank days will carry into the next year. Carryover amounts do not preclude the annual contribution requirement.

ARTICLE IX LEAVING THE BUILDING

Teachers may leave the building at any time during which they are not assigned to supervise students. Prior to leaving the building, and upon their return, teachers must sign out and sign back in on a form that will be located in each building office.

ARTICLE X COMPENSATION

A. EXPLANATION OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE:

1. **PLACEMENT ON COLUMN:** Each teacher shall be placed on the column for which his/her highest degree entitles him/her. The placement on the column for additional college hours will be subject to approval by the Superintendent. All college hours or their equivalent in quarter hours must be completed and certified by the college and in the central office by October 1 to apply for that year's total salary or February 1 to apply for the "last half" of that year's salary.

- In computing the additional amount for preparation applying to the "last half" salary, the amount specified in the salary schedule for the horizontal increment shall be divided by two and that amount shall be added to the remaining salary to be paid to the teacher.
2. **PLACEMENT ON STEP:** Each teacher will qualify for an additional step for each year of teaching experience. Teachers employed for half time by the school district will be considered to have a full year of teaching experience. Teaching experience outside the school district will be accepted minus one year. The Board of Education reserves the right to subtract more than one year from teachers entering this school district in special cases.
 3. After the original salary schedule placement at the time of employment, movement of one step and one lane will be the maximum movement in the salary schedule per contract year.
 4. Salary schedule movement will be allowed to the MA lane under the following guideline: BA+30 to MA with BA+40 and 13 years experience.
 5. Salary schedule movement to the next column will be allowed for a teacher frozen in the salary schedule under the following guidelines: teacher employed by the district 5 years or more or frozen on a step after 5 years.
 6. **INSERVICE POINTS:** Salary Schedule Movement will be allowed using In-service Points under the following guidelines:
 - A. Teacher must have an approved Individual Professional Development Plan.

- B. All points approved by the Professional Development Council will apply for movement on the Salary Schedule providing all costs are paid by the teacher.
 - C. Salary Schedule movement will be calculated using twenty (20) in-service points equal to one (1) college hour and will be used to move from the BA column to the BA+30 column.
 - D. Teachers with MA degrees will be allowed Salary Schedule movement from the MA column to the MA+30 column.
 - E. All In-service Points must be completed, and certified by the Professional Development Council and in the central office by October 1 to apply for that years total salary or February 1 to apply for the "last half" of that year's salary. A verification of employee paid expenses for the in-service points will be required in writing prior to acceptance by the central office.
7. Dual credit stipend. A teacher who becomes qualified to teach a dual credit class will receive a one time stipend of 10,000.00 upon completion of the dual credit class and 1 year of teaching the subject.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
STEP	BA	BA+10	BA+20	BA+30	MA	MA+10	MA+20	MA+30
1	44,750	45,095	45,440	45,785	46,640	47,005	47,370	47,735
2	45,200	45,540	45,885	46,230	47,085	47,450	47,815	48,180
3	45,645	45,985	46,330	46,675	47,530	47,895	48,260	48,625
4	46,090	46,430	46,775	47,120	47,975	48,340	48,705	49,070
5	46,535	46,875	47,220	47,565	48,420	48,785	49,150	49,515
6	46,980	47,320	47,665	48,010	48,865	49,230	49,595	49,960
7	47,425	47,765	48,110	48,455	49,310	49,675	50,040	50,405
8	47,870	48,210	48,555	48,900	49,755	50,120	50,485	50,850
9	48,315	48,655	49,000	49,345	50,200	50,565	50,930	51,295
10	48,760	49,100	49,445	49,790	50,645	51,010	51,375	51,740
11	49,205	49,545	49,890	50,235	51,090	51,455	51,820	52,185
12	49,650	50,000	50,345	50,690	51,545	51,910	52,275	52,640
13		50,445	50,790	51,135	51,990	52,355	52,720	53,085
14		50,890	51,235	51,580	52,435	52,800	53,165	53,530
15		51,335	51,680	52,025	52,880	53,245	53,610	53,975
16			52,120	52,465	53,320	53,685	54,050	54,415
17			52,565	52,910	53,765	54,130	54,495	54,860
18			53,010	53,355	54,210	54,575	54,940	55,305
19			53,455	53,800	54,655	55,020	55,385	55,750
20				54,245	55,100	55,465	55,830	56,195
21				54,690	55,545	55,910	56,275	56,640

22				55,965	56,825	57,190	57,555	57,920
23					57,330	57,695	58,060	58,425
24					57,835	58,200	58,565	58,930
25					58,340	58,705	59,070	59,435
26					58,845	59,210	59,575	59,940
27					59,345	59,710	60,080	60,445
28							60,580	60,950
29								61,450

ARTICLE XI

DEFINED BENEFITS

The Board of Education shall contribute \$800 toward **a full single Health and Dental premium** each month to full-time teachers or a proportional amount if less than full time towards membership in the Board of Education selected health insurance program.

*****A teacher will forfeit the defined benefit if they choose not to take membership in the district health insurance program.**
From the beginning of the contract years 2026-2028, the BOE will stagger the reduction of the cash-in-lieu option over time with the following schedule:

\$600 in the 2026-2027 contract year
\$300 in the 2027-2028 contract year
\$0 in the 2028-2029 contract year

The negotiating committee can evaluate the group health insurance provider for the district and make recommendations to the Board of Education as to appropriate services or providers.

ARTICLE XII

SALARY REDUCTION

The School District shall establish a program in conformity with Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, and in compliance with applicable rules and regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service for Salary Reduction.....

Items by which the teacher may reduce his/her Salary are as follows:

A. ***Health and Dental Insurance

B. Voluntary Benefits (e.g., Cancer, Accident, Salary Protection insurance)

*****If the Health and Dental Insurance is not chosen, the teacher will forfeit the use of the defined benefit.**

A plan participant will be allowed to change health care insurance status if the change is due to a change in family status. (e.g., marriage, divorce, death of spouse or child, or birth or adoption of a child.)

A. ARTICLE XIII

SUPPLEMENTAL EXTRA DUTY SALARY SCHEDULE

- A. Compensation for extra duty will be based on the listed percentage of **(\$45,450)**. (Base plus \$700.00)
- B. Presence of a position in this schedule does not inter or require that it will be filled.
- C. If an activity or duty is established by the Board after ratification of the agreement, the Board and teacher will mutually agree to a salary for the current year based on pay for activities or duties in the extra duty salary schedule which require similar time and responsibilities. That duty and pay will be placed in the extra duty salary schedule for subsequent years.
- D. Cafeteria supervision during lunch periods is a supplemental duty position. Staff fulfilling these duties will have the option to receive their lunch in the school cafeteria at no cost to them on those days the cafeteria is in operation.

2026-2027 Extra Duty Salary Schedule

ASSIGNMENT	NO.	% OF BASE + \$700 = 45450	SALARY
Athletic Director	1	20%	9,090
Cross Country Coach (High School)	1	12%	5,454
Football Coach Assistant (Grade School)	1	5%	2,273
Football Coach Assistant (High School)	1	7%	3,182
Football Coach Head (Grade School)	1	8%	3,636
Football Coach Head (High School)	1	12%	5,454
Volleyball Coach Assistant (High School)	1	7%	3,182
Volleyball Coach Head (High School)	1	12%	5,454
Volleyball Coach Head (Grade School)	1	6%	2,727
Basketball Coach Assistant (Grade School)	1	5%	2,273
Basketball Coach Assistant (High School)	1	7%	3,182
Basketball Coach Head (Grade School)	1	6%	2,727
Basketball Coach Head (High School)	1	12%	5,454
Track Coach Assistant (Grade School)	1	5%	2,273
Track Coach Assistant (High School)	1	5%	2,273
Track Coach Head (High School)	1	12%	5,454
Track Coach Head (Grade School)	1	8%	3,636
Golf Coach Head	1	12%	5,454
Summer Weight/Conditioning Sponsor	3	3%	1,364
Pep club/Cheerleader Sponsor (Grade School)	1	6%	2,727
Pep Club/Cheerleader Sponsor (High School)	1	9%	4,091
Academic Bowl Sponsor (Grade School)	1	2%	909
Academic Bowl Sponsor (High School)	1	5%	2,273
FFA	1	12%	5,454
Kay Club Sponsor	2	3%	1,364
Junior Class Sponsor	2	4%	1,818
Senior Class Sponsor	2	2%	909
National Honor Society Sponsor	1	3%	1,364
Student Council Sponsor	1	3%	1,364

Instrumental Music (Grade School)	1	5%	2,273
Instrumental Music (High School)	1	8%	3,636
Vocal Music (Grade School)	1	5%	2,273
Vocal Music (High School)	1	8%	3,636
Play Director (Grade School)	1	3%	1,364
Play Director (High School)	1	3%	1,364
Forensics (High School)	1	6%	2,727
Newspaper Coordinator	1	3%	1,364
CTE/Pathways	2	6%	2,727
Yearbook	1	6%	2,727
Robotics	1	6%	2,727
MTSS	1	5%	2,273
Dual Head Coach JH/HS	2	16%	7,272
Esports	1	4%	1818
Powerlifting	1	4%	1818
ASSIGNMENT			UNIT
Q.P.A. Duty/Curriculum Work		\$20.00	Per Hour
Extra Time for Half-Time Teachers		\$40.00	Per Half Day
Contest Sponsor		\$15.00	Per Hour
After School Study Hall Supervisor or Lunch Cafeteria Supervisor		\$15.00	Per Hour
Concession Stand Supervisor - Football (1)		\$15.00	Per Hour
Concession Stand Supervisor - Volleyball and Basketball (2)		\$15.00	Per Hour
Gate Keepers - Basketball (1)		\$15.00	Per Hour
Gate Keepers - Football (2)		\$15.00	Per Hour
Linespersons Volleyball		\$15.00	Per Hour
Official Clock Keeper		\$15.00	Per Hour
Official Scorekeeper		\$15.00	Per Hour
EXTRA DUTY SALARY CALCULATION BASE:			45,450.00

ARTICLE XIV

DISTRIBUTION OF SALARY CHECKS

The teachers of the district will be paid on a twelve month basis and on the 10th of each month beginning on September 10. Should the 10th of the month fall on a weekend and/or holiday, salary checks shall be distributed on the last preceding work day unless unforeseen circumstances arise. Nothing herein stated prevents the district from withholding moneys owed to the district from the check of the teacher.

ARTICLE XV

AUTHORIZED SALARY DEDUCTIONS

- A. PROFESSIONAL DUES:** The association's treasurer shall submit written authorization signed by individual teachers desiring dues withholding showing the amount to be withheld from the teacher's paycheck to the Clerk of the Board of Education by October 10 of each year. Deductions will be made only from the November through August paychecks.
- B. TAX SHELTERED ANNUITY:** The district is a member of the ESSDACK 403b program. Individual teachers desiring a payroll deduction for the purchase of a 403b shall authorize the deduction from his/her salary in writing. The board will match up to \$50 per month, contributions made to the 403b program. The only authorized 403b program will be that adopted by USD # 332.

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ARTICLE XVI

EARLY RETIREMENT

The Board will support an early retirement program as follows:

QUALIFICATIONS

A.

1. Participants must have fifteen (15) years of service in USD 332.
2. The last five (5) years, including the year during which application is made for early retirement, must be continuous.
3. Applicants for early retirement must file for benefits by April 1 of the school year immediately prior to the school year when they wish benefits to begin.
4. The program is voluntary with the Board making final determination of eligibility.

B.

Full Benefit Retirement: Participants who wish to retire with full benefits must meet the requirements in Section A as well as the following additional requirements:

1. Participants must have worked through the end of the school year of the calendar year during which they reach their 60th birthday
2. Participants will not be eligible after reaching full retirement age as established by the Social Security Administration. Full Benefit Retirement will be paid for a maximum of 5 years.
3. Full Benefit Calculations: The amount paid to the participant shall be determined by subtracting the base of the salary schedule from the teacher's salary minus any supplemental and/or extra duty salary for the year in which application for early retirement is made. The difference in these two figures shall be multiplied by sixty percent (60%) to determine the amount that will be paid annually to the participant. The annual amount shall then be divided by twelve (12) to

determine the amount to be paid monthly into a 403(b) account. Monthly payment to the 403(b) account will be made on normal pay dates for teachers. If a participant does not have a currently open 403(b) account, retirement salaries may be paid to the participant.

OTHER

- a. Participants may retain membership in the district's group health Insurance program as provided by KSA#12-5040.6.
- b. Any certified staff member who notifies the Board of their intent to retire by January 1 of their last year of employment will receive a \$1,000.00 stipend and is not subject to KPERS withholding. If the notice is after January 1, but before February 1, the stipend will be \$500.00. After February 1, there is no stipend.
- c. Upon qualified KPERS retirement teachers will be paid \$70 per day for unused sick leave.

DISCONTINUATION OF BENEFITS

1. Benefits Cease: Once a participant reaches their retirement age as established by the Social Security Administration, reaches the 5 year maximum, or is deceased (whichever comes first). (see Section 2 for other terms of discontinuation of benefits)
2. Should any teacher return to teaching on more than a one-half time basis, all early retirement benefits from USD 332 will cease. It is the responsibility of the teacher to inform USD 332 if he/she returns to teaching on more than a one-half time basis. Should it be determined by a court of applicable law that any of the foregoing provisions relative to early retirement are contrary to state or federal law, any such early retirement provisions found to

be contrary to state or federal law will cease and the parties will reopen bargaining on these provisions as soon as possible.

ARTICLE XVII

IN SERVICE EDUCATION

The school district professional development council will assist with the planning for all district in-service for professional employees covered by the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE XVIII

TEACHER FILES

- A. OPEN TO TEACHER:** Any teacher's file shall be open to inspection by the teacher at all times, and at the written request of the teacher, a representative of the Association may inspect the teacher's file. The teacher shall have the right to respond to all materials contained in said file. Such response shall become part of the file. Credentials and related papers from teacher placement bureaus which by their own regulations are labeled as "confidential" shall not be examined by the teacher.
- B. RIGHT TO REPRODUCE CONTENTS:** The teacher or a representative of the teacher designated in writing as such, shall have the right to reproduce any of the contents of the teacher's file.

ARTICLE XIX

TEACHER EVALUATION

The evaluation instrument for teachers may be revised if either the Board or the Association notices to do so. A committee composed of three administrators and four teachers (approved by the Association) will be charged with the task.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES: Administrators will conduct as many informal or formal evaluations as they deem necessary for improvement in instruction. The following procedures are the minimum number of evaluations to be made:

- A. All teachers in the first two consecutive school years of employment shall be evaluated at least one time per semester by not later than the 60th school day of the semester, except that any teacher who is not employed for the entire semester shall not be required to be evaluated; and that every teacher during the third and fourth years of employment shall be evaluated at least one time each school year by not later than February 15; and that after the fourth year of employment every teacher shall be evaluated at least once in every three years by not later than February 15 of the school year in which the teacher is evaluated.
- B. All evaluations are to be made in writing and evaluation documents and responses thereto are to be maintained in a personnel file for each teacher for a period of not less than three years from the date each evaluation is made.
- C. All teacher evaluation forms shall be signed by both the teacher being evaluated and the evaluator. A signature by the teacher being evaluated does not necessarily mean agreement. If the teacher does not agree with the evaluation, he/she has two weeks to respond in writing to the teacher's evaluation file. These evaluation documents and responses shall be available only as required by law.
- D. The administrator conducting the evaluation shall visit each teacher's classroom at least twice for a minimum of twenty (20) minutes prior to each written evaluation.
- E. Should the evaluation reveal a deficiency in any area, it should be the responsibility of the building principal to inform the teacher in writing of the specific deficiency and provide suggestions for improvement.

ARTICLE XX

TEACHER DISCIPLINE

- A.** It is agreed informal disciplinary actions are the first steps taken in constructive discipline, and are to be taken by administrators in situations of a minor nature involving the teacher's conduct or job performance. Disciplinary actions will be administered in a fair and equitable manner, and, where practical, in a private manner with an appropriate substantive investigation of the key individuals involved.
- B.** The information regarding proposed and implemented discipline of teachers shall be considered confidential, privileged information, only to be released to administrators who work with the teacher, the Superintendent, and, if appropriate, to the Board of Education. The teacher may release information regarding the discipline to any appropriate party.
- C.** Discipline of a teacher will be progressive and/or sequential, and appropriate to the severity of the infraction, except in those situations that constitute a breach of board policy that could impair the effective operation of the school, or a potential criminal violation. The sequence of discipline shall be as follows:
 - 1. Counseling shall be the first step to a minor infraction such as; lateness to work, professionalism or professional responsibilities. Documentation may occur for record but no written record will be placed in the professional employee's personnel file.

2. Oral reprimand transmitted directly to the teacher, acknowledged by the teacher, and recorded in the building personnel file only as the existence of the reprimand, without extensive detail.
3. Once the administrator determines that a written reprimand is necessary, a face to face meeting with the teacher shall occur within 3 business days unless there are extenuating circumstances. It shall contain sufficient details of the incident to allow understanding by the teacher who shall submit a written response to the allegations within 3 business days unless there are extenuating circumstances. The response shall be attached to the reprimand, and both will remain in the teacher's building personnel file. There shall be no further appeal of the reprimand. A series of oral reprimands can be grouped together under unprofessional behavior.
4. In the event of the failure of a teacher to correct the behavior identified in the written reprimand, the teacher may be placed on a written behavior plan and a timeline for meeting those expectations. The written behavior plan shall provide an opportunity for the teacher to object in writing to elements of the plan within 3 business days unless there are extenuating circumstances. Any objections shall be resolved by the Superintendent, or Principal within 5 business days unless there are extenuating circumstances.
5. If the teacher does not satisfactorily meet the goals of the behavior plan, or if the teacher's behavior becomes insubordinate, the Principal shall notify the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the authority to suspend the teacher with pay, pending further review. With permission of the teacher, notification will be sent to the Association President.

6. Any reprimand or written behavior plan that is resolved may not be referenced after 13 calendar months and shall be purged at the end of that school year.

7. If the teacher does not correct the issues identified as the basis for the suspension with pay, or if the behavior is serious enough to warrant termination of employment, the Superintendent will notify the teacher of the intent to recommend suspension, without pay to the Board of Education. All protection pursuant to Article XXI of this agreement will be followed.

8. The teacher is entitled to be represented in any disciplinary proceeding under this provision.

ARTICLE XXI

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

A grievance shall mean a complaint by a teacher, group of teachers, or the Association based on an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication by the district of a negotiated contract or agreement, a board policy, administrative regulation or practice affecting conditions of employment. The grievant may request his/her Association representative to participate at any level beyond level one. If there is no ruling given within the prescribed time limits, the grievance then goes to the next level.

A. LEVEL ONE: An attempt shall be made to resolve any grievance in an informal verbal discussion between complainant and his or her principal within a reasonable time after the occurrence.

B. LEVEL TWO: If the grievance cannot be resolved informally, the aggrieved party shall file the grievance in writing five (5) days after the completion of level one. This written grievance should include the date, date grievance

occurred, what (policy - contract - provision - practice - etc.) is in question, a statement of the grievant's claim and the relief desired. Within five (5) days after receipt of the written grievance, at a mutually agreeable time and place, the building principal and aggrieved party shall meet. The principal shall make a decision on the grievance and communicate it in writing to the aggrieved party within five (5) days after the level two meeting.

C. LEVEL THREE: In the event a grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at level two, the aggrieved party shall file, within five (5) days of the principal's written decision at level two, a copy of the grievance with the Superintendent. Within ten (10) days after such written grievance is filled, the aggrieved party and the Superintendent shall meet to resolve the grievance. The Superintendent shall file an answer within five (5) days after the level three meeting and communicate it in writing to the aggrieved party and the principal.

D. LEVEL FOUR: In the event a grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved at level three, the aggrieved party shall file, within five (5) days of the Superintendent's written decision at level three, a copy of the grievance with the Board of Education. The aggrieved party shall be allowed time at the next regular Board meeting to present the grievance. The Board shall file a written answer within (5) days of the Board meeting to the aggrieved party, principal, and Superintendent.

ARTICLE XXII

REDUCTION IN TEACHING STAFF

A. BOARD'S RIGHTS: The Board of Education shall retain sole right to determine when a reduction in the professional staff is to be made.

B. CRITERIA TO BE CONSIDERED IN REDUCING STAFF:

The Board shall attempt to accomplish a reduction in teaching staff by attrition. In the event the Board decides to reduce the teaching staff, the Board will consider the following items:

1. Supervising principal's evaluation over the two most recent years, if available.
2. Qualifications as evidenced by college hours earned in courses that are directly related to the teacher's assignment and certification as established by the State Department of Education.
3. Worth of the teacher in sponsoring or coaching extra-curricular assignments.
4. Length of full time continuous service to the district.
5. No teacher shall be RIF'd as a result of race, creed, color, religion, age, national origin, sex, domicile, marital status, membership in the Association or participation in the negotiation process.

C. RECALL: The Board will accept applications for recall from teachers who are non renewed as a result of teaching staff reduction. Such teachers, if re-employed within three years of their non renewal, shall re-enter employment without loss of position on the salary schedule or accumulated sick leave. If such teachers are re-employed within the fourth through seventh years of their non renewal, they shall have a 25% loss per year of position on the salary schedule and accumulated sick leave.

ARTICLE XXIII

CONTRACT RELEASE

Teachers requesting a release from a contract shall provide a letter to the Superintendent to be considered by the Board of Education.

Teachers who request a release from contract after the statutory notice

period set for in Kansas Statutes shall pay to the school district liquidated damages, in an amount based on the following table for non-fulfillment of contract. When a teacher submits a request to reign after the statutory notice period, the Board of Education will consider all relevant factors in determining whether to accept or decline request. Ultimately, the Board of Education reserves the right to decline any such request that does not include at least one of the criteria listed in items 1-4 below, and may require the professional employee to fulfill his/her contract.

Request Received by:	Amount
Prior to date set forth in KSA 72-5437	no penalty
After date set forth in KSA 72-5437 up to June 30	\$1000.00
After June 30	\$2000.00
After July 31	\$3000.00

The above penalties may be waived by the board of Education in the following situations:

1. Transfer of spouse more than fifty miles
2. Extreme illness
3. Death of spouse
4. Other special circumstances agreed to by the board of education.

ARTICLE XXIV

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

All Teachers will be reimbursed for business miles driven with their personal cars. All miles must be reported on a mileage report which states the date, distance, purpose, contact, and number of miles. The

reimbursement will be paid at the per mile rate allowed by the State of Kansas.

ARTICLE XXV

REPRODUCTION OF AGREEMENT

Copies of this Agreement shall be printed at the expense of the Board within thirty days after the Agreement is signed by both parties. A copy will be presented to all teachers employed by the Board, plus five (5) copies for the Association.

ARTICLE XXVI

ASSOCIATION PRIVILEGES

The Association shall have the right to use school buildings for meetings. School District use will take priority over Association use. The Association will make arrangements with the building principal prior to use. In the case of district facilities, arrangements will be made three (3) days in advance of use to prevent scheduling conflicts.

Article XXVII

Tuition Reimbursement

The USD 332 BOE will provide a \$4,000.00 pool each school year for tuition reimbursement. Tuition reimbursement will be provided in one of two ways.

A. **Master Degree/ additional teaching endorsement:** Certified staff that is enrolled in an Education Master Degree program from an

accredited University or adding an additional teaching endorsement will be eligible to receive up to \$500.00 per school year for classes taken. Teachers must have a plan on file for their degree program or additional endorsement program with the BOE Clerk.

B. Graduate level classes for recertification: Certified staff that take classes for recertification of teaching certificate will be eligible to receive up to \$150.00 per year for classes taken.

Teachers who are seeking (A) will receive first priority of the money each year. The remaining money will be allocated for teachers seeking (B). Teachers seeking reimbursement will need to present the receipt of payment for the class taken and transcript of classes to the BOE Clerk by June 1. Tuition reimbursement will be paid to teachers in June each school year. Teachers can only receive reimbursement for the classes taken that school year. Any classes taken over the summer will be eligible for the next school year. Money provided each year that is not used will not carry over to the next school year.

ARTICLE XXVIII

MISCELLANEOUS

A. TEACHER'S INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT ITEM NO. 7: To abide by the Board policy handbook adopted by the Board, all policies therein being incorporated in this contract by reference. Both the Board and the teacher agree that both are bound by all Board policies and all articles of the negotiations agreement.

B. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS:

1. When first employed every teacher will be required to submit a certification of health signed by a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the laws of any state on a form provided by the District. The certification shall include a statement that there is no evidence of physical condition that would conflict with the health, safety, or welfare of the pupils;

and that freedom from tuberculosis has been established by chest x-ray or negative tuberculin skin test. This certification of health will be at the expense of the teacher.

2. If at any time there is reasonable cause to believe that any such person is suffering from an illness detrimental to the health of the pupils, the school board may require a new certification of health. The expense of obtaining the requested certification of health will be borne by the board of education

C. VACCINATIONS:

1. If at any time the board of education or government regulation requires a teacher to receive a vaccination the cost of the vaccination will be borne by the board of education.

ARTICLE XXVIX
RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Board of Education of Cunningham Unified School District No. 332, Kingman County, Kansas and the West Kingman County Association of American Educators, duly recognized representative organization of the teachers employed in the district, hereby agree to the conditions stated in this document and certify that the agreement has been duly ratified by the body we represent.

SIGNATURES

PRESIDENT OF WEST KINGMAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS	PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332
DATE	DATE
ATTESTED BY:	ATTESTED BY:
TREASURER OF WEST KINGMAN COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN EDUCATORS	CLERK OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332
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