

## AMENDED CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT WITH SUPERINTENDENT

THIS CONTRACT for the 2021-2022 school year is made by and between the Board of Education of the **Lancaster County School District 55-0161, a/k/a Raymond Central Public Schools**, hereinafter referred to as “the Board,” and **DERRICK JOEL**, hereinafter referred to as “the Superintendent.”

WITNESSETH: That in accordance with action taken by the Board as recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, the Board hereby agrees to employ the Superintendent, and the Superintendent hereby agrees to accept such employment, subject to the following terms and conditions:

**1. Term of Contract.** The superintendent shall be employed for a period of three years, beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024, subject to such other terms and conditions as may be specified in this contract. A renewal date shall occur on February 15 of each year, beginning February 15, 2022 and on February 15 each year thereafter unless terminated as provided herein. On that date, the contract shall renew and roll forward for one additional year unless the Board of Education notifies the Superintendent in writing that it does not intend to extend the contract for an additional year and that the expiration date then in effect shall be allowed to take effect. Such written notice shall occur prior to February 15, 2022 and prior to February 15 each year thereafter, and the notice subsequent non-renewal procedures shall follow requirements of Sec. 79-828, 831 and 835, RRS (or any subsequent revisions of said section) and Board policy 4110 (or any subsequent revisions of said policy) but such hearing for non-renewal, termination or cancellation shall take place after February 15 in the final year of the contract.

**Release or Resignation:** There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Superintendent from this contract, provided that no resignation shall become effective until the expiration of the final contract year on June 30 of such calendar year, unless such a resignation is mutually agreed to by the Superintendent and the Board of Education, in which case the Board of Education shall fix the time at which the resignation shall take effect.

**2. Salary.** The salary for the first year shall be \$144,900. Said annual salary shall be paid in equal installments in accordance with the policy of the Board governing payment certificated employees of the District. In addition, the Superintendent shall receive \$2,500 per year if he lives within the Raymond Central School District. That provision shall extend through the first five years, provided the Superintendent remains employed by the Raymond Central School District. In addition, the superintendent shall be paid a \$1,000 stipend each contract year with no end date.

In the event that the Superintendent is elected to any other office or offices of the Board of Education or in connection with the District, the Superintendent shall perform the duties of such other office or offices without remuneration other than that as provided in this Contract.

The District, acting by and through its Board of Education, reserves the right to adjust the annual salary during the term of this Contract, said salary adjustment, however, not to reduce the annual salary to any lesser amount than that as above stated. Any adjustment in salary made during the term of this Contract shall be in the form of an amendment and shall become a part of this Contract; provided, however, that in making any such salary adjustment, it shall not be considered that the District has entered into a new Contract, nor shall the termination date of this Contract be thereby extended unless the Board of Education, by specific action, shall expressly extend such termination date. In no event shall any such extension, together with the unexpired term of this Contract or any prior extension, be for a period in excess of three (3) years.

This Contract shall conform to the regulations governing deductions with reference to Withholding Tax, Social Security and School Employees' Retirement Act. Other deductions may be withheld as agreed to by the parties to this contract.

**3. Benefits.** As further consideration for the services to be performed by the Superintendent, it is agreed as follows:

- a. Leave Benefits. Paid leave is available to the Superintendent when the following specific conditions are met: (1) the Superintendent is currently employed by the District and (2) the paid leave day is taken on a day Superintendent would otherwise be expected to be at work.
  - 1) Vacation. The Superintendent shall be allowed 20 working days of vacation leave during each contract year. Vacation shall not be taken at times that would interfere with the Superintendent's attendance at regularly scheduled Board meetings or at times when the Superintendent's duties require the Superintendent's attendance at school (e.g., beginning and end periods of the school year).
  - 2) Carry-over and Accumulation of Vacation Days. Vacation is to be used during each contract year. Vacation days are to be used in the contract year in which it becomes available. There is no carry-over or accumulation of unused vacation leave from one contract year to another contract year. Upon ending employment, unused vacation days available in the final contract year will be paid at the effective daily rate of pay at the time the unused vacation day first became available; provided that there shall be no pay for unused vacation days in the event the Board determines that the Superintendent has engaged in misconduct which provides just cause for termination or cancellation.
  - 3) Sick Leave. The Superintendent shall be allowed 10 working days of sick leave each contract year.
  - 4) Carry-over and Accumulation of Sick Days. Unused sick leave may be carried over from one contract year to the next succeeding contract year to a maximum of 50 sick leave days. Once the maximum is accumulated, no further sick leave days will be available or granted for the ensuing contract year or years until the accumulated number of days is less than 50, and then only to the extent necessary to restore the total number of available sick leave days to the maximum of 50 days.
  - 5) Professional Development Leave. The superintendent shall be allowed 5 working days of professional leave during each contract year.
  - 6) Holidays. The following days shall be holiday days and not working days: July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and Memorial Day.
  - 7) Log. The Superintendent shall maintain a current log of used vacation and sick leave days with the Superintendent's secretary.
- b. Health and Dental Insurance. The District shall pay for and provide the Superintendent with family health and single dental insurance for which the Superintendent is qualified for insurance under the District's group insurance plan. To the extent not covered by the District's medical insurance plan, the District shall reimburse the Superintendent for the full cost of a complete annual physical examination at such location and by such physician(s) as selected by the Superintendent with approval of the Board President.
- c. Meetings and Dues. The Superintendent shall attend appropriate professional meetings at the local, state and national levels provided that such attendance does not interfere with the proper performance of Superintendent's duties. The reasonable and necessary expenses of such meetings shall be reimbursed by the District consistent with Board policies. In addition, the District shall pay the cost of the Superintendent's annual dues to the Nebraska Council of School Administrators and may pay dues to other professional organizations suitable for the Superintendent's position upon the Superintendent's request.

- d. Transportation Expenses. The Superintendent shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of his duties as Superintendent. The Superintendent shall be reimbursed for mileage within and outside the District, when using a non-district owned vehicle and on District business (this does not apply to travel between home and work.) The Superintendent will provide a log of the miles and complete required District Documentation and the District will reimburse the miles at the rate set annually by the Board for District travel.
- e. Indemnification. The District shall, to the extent permitted by law, defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the Superintendent from any and all demands, claims, suits, actions, and legal proceedings brought against the Superintendent in the Superintendent's individual capacity or the Superintendent's official capacity as an agent or employee of the District, provided that the incident arose while the Superintendent was acting (or, in good faith, reasonably believed that the Superintendent was acting) within the scope of the Superintendent's employment with the District and the District is not in an adverse position in the legal proceedings.
- f. Other Benefits. The Superintendent may be provided such other benefits as are provided to certificated employees of the District in the Board's discretion, except as otherwise provided herein, provided the Superintendent meets the conditions and eligibility requirements for such benefits.
- g. Catastrophic Leave. The Superintendent shall receive 30 days of catastrophic leave (with other administrators to provide 3 days of the 30 days) by combining all remaining leave with the catastrophic leave and not to exceed 45 days. Other administrators will cover during the interim, the duties of the absent administrator. (Adopted by BOE July 19, 2010.)

**8. Duties.** The Superintendent is employed as the Superintendent for the District. The Superintendent shall perform the duties of such position as are regularly and customarily expected for such position and such duties and responsibilities as are set forth in Board Policy or Regulation for such positions. The Superintendent shall be subject to such other duties as the Board may assign from time to time. The Superintendent agrees to devote full time to the assigned duties, provided that with the advance agreement of the Board of Education, the Superintendent may undertake consultative work, speaking engagements, writing, lecturing or other professional duties.

In performing the assigned duties, the Superintendent shall be governed by the policies, regulations and directions of the Board of Education. The Superintendent shall in all respects to diligently and faithfully perform the assigned duties to the best of the Superintendent's professional ability. Regular dependable attendance at meetings of the Board and committees of the Board and other assigned duties is an essential function of the Superintendent's position.

**9. Board-Superintendent Relationship.** The Board shall have primary responsibility for formulating and adopting Board policy. The Superintendent shall be the chief administrative officer for the District, and shall have primary responsibility for implementation of Board policy. The Superintendent shall be responsible for development of policies for adoption by the Board and for development of regulations and rules consistent with Board policy. In the absence of Board policy on matters which require prompt action, the Superintendent shall have the authority to act using the Superintendent's professional judgment and consistent with legal requirements; provided that the Superintendent shall report the nature of the matter and the action taken to the Board no later than the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The parties agree, individually and collectively, to promptly refer all criticism, complaints and suggestions called to its attention to the Superintendent for action, study or recommendation, as appropriate.

**10. Evaluation of the Superintendent.** The Superintendent shall be evaluated twice during the first contract year and once during each Extended Term, unless the Board deems additional evaluations appropriate. The Superintendent shall receive a copy of the evaluation and shall have the right to submit a response to the evaluation, which response shall be placed in the Superintendent's personnel file. The Superintendent shall notify the President of the Board to remind the Board of the need to evaluate.

**11. Contract Termination.** In the event the Superintendent violates any of the provisions of this Contract or performs any act or does anything which is materially harmful to the District, or which substantially inhibits the Superintendent's ability to discharge the duties as set forth herein, including, but not limited to (1) becoming legally disqualified to perform as a superintendent in the State of Nebraska; (2) participation in any fraud; (3) causing any intentional damage to property; (4) engaging in any unlawful act; (5) any representations in this Contract being determined to be false or incorrect; (6) failure to return a Renewal Agreement by the required date, provided that such date not be prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> of the final year of the Contract or any extension of the Contract term; and (7) just cause, including: (a) incompetency, which includes, but is not limited to, demonstrated deficiencies or shortcomings in knowledge of subject matter or teaching or administrative skills; (b) neglect of duty; (c) unprofessional conduct; (d) insubordination; (e) immorality; (f) physical or mental incapacity; (g) failure to give evidence of professional growth as required by law; or (h) other conduct which interferes substantially with the continued performance of duties; then the Superintendent may be discharged in accordance with applicable law. Suspension or other disciplinary action may be enforced in accordance with applicable law. 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 twelve months in the annual salary period in which termination occurs. Any portion of the salary paid, but not earned, prior to the date of termination of this Contract, and any sums owing to the District by the Superintendent, shall be set off from sums due to the Superintendent and, if the sums owing to the District are in excess of the sums due the Superintendent, the amount owing shall be immediately refunded by the Superintendent.

The Board of Education may require a certificate of health and physical fitness of Superintendent in accordance with applicable law at any time while this Contract is in force. Should the Superintendent be unable to perform the Superintendent's duties by reason of mental or physical capacity or any reason beyond the Superintendent's control, and said disability exists for a period exceeding the Superintendent's sick leave allowance, the Board of Education may, in its discretion, make a proportionate reduction from the salary and benefits, and if such disability continues or is permanent, or of such nature as to make the Superintendent unable to perform essential functions of the positions for which the Superintendent is employed, the Board of Education may, at its option, terminate this agreement whereupon the respective duties, rights and obligations hereof shall terminate.

**12. Representations and Legal Requirements.** The Superintendent affirms that: (1) the Superintendent holds or will hold a valid and appropriate certificate to act as a certificated employee in the State of Nebraska to perform the assigned duties throughout the term of this Contract and any extensions of this Contract; (2) the required certificate to perform the assigned duties shall be registered as required by law; it being understood and agreed that this contract is not valid until the required certificate is registered in accordance with law and that the Superintendent shall not be compensated for any services performed prior to the date of registration of this certificate; and (3) the Superintendent is not under contract with another Board of Education within the State of Nebraska covering any part of or all of the same time of performance as provided for in this Contract.

The Superintendent further warrants and represents as follows: (1) all information set forth in the Superintendent's application for employment and other information provided by the Superintendent in seeking employment are true and accurate, and if said information ceases to be true, Superintendent will advise the Board of Education immediately; (2) Superintendent has never been convicted or plead no contest or otherwise been

adjudicated as having committed a felony, any other offense involving moral turpitude or any other offense involving abuse, neglect, or sexual misconduct as defined in Sections 003.12 through 003.14 of 92 NAC 21; and (3) Superintendent has not suffered suspension or revocation of any educational professional license or certificate, nor voluntarily surrendered such a license or certificate where charges or potential charges were pending or imminent.

**13. No Penalty for Release or Resignation.** There shall be no penalty for release or resignation by the Superintendent from this Contract; provided no resignation shall become effective until the expiration of the remaining term of the Contract unless the Board fixes an earlier effective date. This Contract is subject to the provisions of the School Employees' Retirement Act.

**14. Governing Laws.** The parties shall be governed by all applicable Nebraska and federal laws, rules, and regulations in the performance of their respective duties and obligations under this Contract.

**15. Amendments & Severability.** This Contract may be modified or amended only by a writing duly authorized and executed by the Superintendent and the Board. If any portion of this Contract shall be declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Contract.

Executed this _____ day of March, 2021.  _____ Superintendent	Executed this _____ day of March, 2021.  Board of Education of Lancaster County School District 55-0161, a/k/a Raymond Central Public Schools  By: _____ President  Attest: _____ Secretary
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