

STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

This Contract (hereafter “this Contract”) is the contract for the employment of Erin Dillingham as Student Support Specialist by the Board of Education of the Rossville Consolidated School District by consent of the parties in the manner permitted by Indiana Law.

1. Parties to this Contract and Definition of Terms.

The parties to this Contract are the:

“Student Support Specialist” (the employee) meaning Erin Dillingham; and the *“Board”* meaning the Board of School Trustees acting as the governing body of the Rossville Consolidated School District. The term *“Superintendent”* shall mean the Chief Executive Officer of the Rossville Consolidated School District.

The term *“school year”* as used in this Contract means a period beginning on July 1 of one calendar year and concluding on June 30 of the following calendar year.

2. Employment of Student Support Specialist and Term of Employment.

The Board employs the employee, and the employee agrees to be employed by the Board as the Student Support Specialist for Rossville Middle/Senior High School for the period beginning on July 1, 2024, and concluding on June 30, 2025, subject to the terms of this Contract.

The parties agree that the Student Support Specialist shall provide services for one hundred ninety (190) days during the school year. These workdays shall be provided in accordance with a schedule of workdays established by the Superintendent to ensure the full and competent performance of the duties established in paragraph 3 of this Contract. Proposed changes in the schedule during the school year shall be submitted in advance to the Superintendent in writing, and approval or disapproval of changes shall be within the discretion of the Superintendent.

The Student Support Specialist’s one hundred ninety day (190) scheduled workdays shall include sick leave days pursuant to paragraph 4.2, personal leave days pursuant to paragraph 4.3, and any other paid leave pursuant to paragraph 4.4 of this Contract. The one hundred ninety (190) days consist of 185 teacher contract days (the reduction of one day for the teacher’s 186 is the elimination of the day provided for

parent/teacher conferences), four (4) days before the start of school and one (1) day immediately following the end of school.

The Middle/Senior High School Principal shall review the Student Support Specialist's performance at least annually.

3. Duties of the Student Support Specialist.

The parties agree that the duties of the position of Student Support Specialist to be performed pursuant to this Contract are set forth in Board policy in a job description for the position which is incorporated into this Contract by reference as a material term. The review of the Student Support Specialist's job performance provided for in this Contract shall be based upon the duties in this job description.

The Student Support Specialist agrees that while employed pursuant to this Contract will fully meet the minimum qualifications for the position of the Student Support Specialist which include maintaining a license from the State of Indiana required for Social Work.

4. Salary & Benefits.

As consideration for the performance of the duties and meeting the qualifications established by this Contract, the Board agrees that the Student Support Specialist shall receive the following:

4.1. Salary.

The employee shall be paid fifty-five thousand six hundred twelve dollars (\$55,612.00). The employee shall be paid in equal installments on a schedule fixed for all employees of the Board.

4.2. Sick Leave.

The employee shall have available seven (7) paid days for personal illness or the illness of a family member for each subsequent year of the contract. The employee shall notify the office staff of an absence due to illness and shall, upon return to work, provide written notice to the Superintendent's Office on the form provided. Sick leave days shall accumulate from year-to-year if unused but shall not accumulate to exceed ninety (90) sick leave days.

4.3. Personal Leave.

The employee shall be entitled to three (3) days of leave to conduct personal business for each subsequent year of the contract. Unused personal leave days shall accumulate to a total of six (6) days. Personal leave days not used during the year and accumulated beyond the six (6) days shall be added to accumulated sick leave thereafter to the maximum allowed. The employee shall provide written notice to the Superintendent's Office prior to using personal days. Personal leave shall not be taken immediately before or after a school vacation identified in the school 180-day district calendar period without the Superintendent's written approval.

4.4. Other Leave.

The employee shall be entitled to paid or unpaid leave in circumstances other than sick leave in which paid or unpaid leave is required by state or federal law or permitted by the Board for its certified employees.

4.5. Health, Life, and Long-Term Disability Insurance.

New employees will be insured at the beginning of the first day of the month following employment. In cases wherein the employee resigns during the school year, insurance will be dropped at the end of the month in which employment was severed.

4.5.1. Health Insurance

The Board's contribution to the cost of the employee's health insurance premiums shall be equal to the Board's contribution to teacher health insurance rounded to the next highest whole dollar for either a single or family plan. The employee shall pay not less than one (1) dollar per year for the health insurance coverage selected.

4.5.2. Life Insurance

The Board will provide a \$50,000.00 term life insurance policy with an additional \$50,000.00 accidental death and dismemberment provision for the employee. The Board's share of the cost of this policy will be 100% less \$1.00.

4.5.3. Group Income Protection Plan

The Board will provide a group income protection plan for the employee, in case of a qualifying disability. The group income protection plan requires a ninety-day (90) waiting period and a qualifying condition and shall provide no less than 66% of income. The Board's share of the cost of this policy will be 100% less \$1.00.

4.6. PERF Employee Contribution.

In addition to the other considerations provided to the employee by this paragraph of this Contract, the Rossville Consolidated School District shall make the District's contribution to the Public Employee Retirement Fund.

4.7. Section 125

The benefits provided to administrators by Section 125 of the Revenue Act of 1978, both Generation I and Generation II, shall be made available. Any start-up cost and annual fee (if charged) will be paid by the school district and the monthly administrative fee will be paid by the participating employee.

4.8. 403(b) Plan

The Board shall provide the employee with the opportunity to participate in a voluntary tax sheltered 403(b) program, subject to Internal Revenue Service regulations. Except for changes required by the IRS or other regulatory entity, changes to the plan document or to the adoption agreement shall be made only upon the recommendation of a committee comprised of three (3) members appointed by the Board and three (3) teachers appointed by the association; all members of the committee must be current plan participants.

4.9. Business and Professional Expenses.

The Board shall reimburse the employee for appropriate business and professional expenses approved in advance by the Superintendent.

5. Entire Contract of Parties.

The parties agree that each has had sufficient time to consider and understand the terms of this Contract and that this Contract therefore contains all the agreed terms of employment of the Student Support Specialist by the Board and will not be modified except in a written document making specific reference to this Contract and the specific provision to be modified. Modifications to this Contract shall be approved by both parties in writing in the same manner that this Contract was approved.

If required for purposes of compliance with a standard or request of the State Board of Accounts of the State of Indiana, the parties agree that they will execute a standard teacher contract to implement the terms of this Contract. The parties further agree that to the extent that this Contract is inconsistent with the Student Support Specialist's basic teacher contract this Contract supplements, the terms of this Contract shall control.

6. Contract as a Public Record.

The parties acknowledge that this Contract is a public record under the Indiana Public Records Law.

AGREED THIS 1st DAY OCTOBER 2024.

STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

Erin Dillingham

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

By: _____

[Signature]

President

Attest: _____

[Signature]
