

# Labette County Unified School District 506

## Negotiated Agreement



By and between the USD 506 Board of Education and  
the Labette County Teachers  
Association

2025 – 2026

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### **Article I: Placement on Salary Schedule**

All teachers shall be given full credit on the salary schedule set forth in this Agreement for full years of outside teaching experience up to a maximum of fifteen (15) years. Prior teaching experience must have been in an accredited school district in the State of Kansas or other teaching experience in a school district that is State or North Central Association accredited.

### **Article II: Teacher Contract Length**

The salary schedule is based on a teaching contract of 179.0 days. Extra months teaching contracts shall be equated at a daily rate of 1/187 of the annual salary less the fringe dollars identified on the schedule. Ten-month contracts shall be 203 days, and eleven-month contracts shall be 223 days.

### **Article III: Advancement on Salary Schedule**

Normally, teachers shall move vertically on the schedule with each additional year of experience. Moves will be made horizontally when additional hours of education credit have been acquired, moving directly across to the next schedule and then down one step for the service increment.

Teachers at the limit of a column will remain at that point until they have accomplished necessary education credit to advance to the next column through additional hours of education credit. Such advancement shall be horizontal one column and one step down.

The hours above a degree must be taken after the degree was granted and toward an advanced degree, be graduate hours, or be approved by the superintendent. The move from one position to another, both vertically and horizontally, will be made once a year, at the beginning of the contract year. Hours earned during the summer prior to the beginning of the school year will count in determining the salary step at which the teacher will be assigned.

In order to continue vertically in one salary column, a teacher must secure a minimum of six hours of approved college credit every five years.

In-service points as converted to college hours (20--1) shall count toward movement on the salary schedule.

All in-service points may count toward re-certification. However, only those in-service points which are earned outside of the contract day, are not funded by district funds or district contributions, and are activities approved by the District Professional Development Council for points shall count towards advancement on the salary schedule.

Transcripts of accumulated in-service points and documented college credit (hours) which, has been approved by the district professional development council must be submitted annually to the Board office prior to May 30<sup>th</sup> for salary schedule advancement.

The maximum number of points allowed for salary schedule advancement in any one year shall not exceed 100 points, and must be filed annually.

## **Article IV: Leaves**

### **1. Personal Leave**

Each full-time teacher shall have four (4) days of personal leave per year. Leave for part-time teachers shall be in proportion to their full-time equivalency.

Personal leave may not accumulate. Teachers shall have the option annually of being paid \$70 for each unused personal leave day or rolling those days into sick leave, subject to the maximum accumulation of sick leave as stated in this section. This designation must be made in writing and filed with the superintendent by May 1. The designation shall remain in effect in subsequent years until changed by the teacher.

The use of personal leave during the month of May shall be limited to emergencies or personal business that cannot be handled outside of school hours.

Personal leave shall not be used on Professional Development, In-Service, or Workdays or to extend holidays or spring break, except in extenuating circumstances approved by the superintendent.

### **2. Sick Leave**

Each full-time teacher shall have eight (8) days of sick leave per year. Leave for part-time teachers shall be in proportion to their full-time equivalency.

Teachers with an extended contract shall receive additional sick leave at the rate of 0.5 days for every ten days or portion thereof of extended time.

Unused sick leave may accumulate up to seventy days (70).

Use of sick leave for illness or disability purposes shall be defined as the illness or disability of the employee or illness, disability, or death in the immediate family.

The term "immediate family" shall include spouse, child, stepchild, grandchild, siblings, parent, or grandparent. Additionally, any of those categories listed would be expanded to include "in-law."

In addition to the accumulated days of sick leave, each full-time teacher shall also have for his/her use the number of days equal to his/her accumulated sick leave on the first duty day. Said days shall be referenced as "sub-deduct days." Sub-deduct days may be used for sick leave. A sub-deduct day shall provide the requesting teacher full daily salary less regular substitute wages for each sub -deduct day awarded. The purpose of a

sub-deduct day is to provide a continuing income for teachers who are faced with illness or injury and have used up all their accumulated sick leave. Sub-deduct days are in addition to the accumulated days of sick leave and may be available to a teacher when said teacher has exhausted all accumulated sick leave. Teachers, before using a sub-deduct day, shall exhaust their accumulated sick leave. Any teacher who desires a sub-deduct day shall make their request for a sub-deduct day from their building principal. Said request shall be in writing, either in paper or electronic form and shall include the number of sub-deduct days requested and a brief explanation for the request. The building principal shall forward the request to the superintendent, building association representative where the teacher is employed and the president of the association. Each designated person receiving the sub-deduct request shall expeditiously indicate their support for or denial of the request to the building principal based upon the information provided by the requesting teacher. If two or more persons from among those designated to review the request approve said request, the requesting teacher shall receive the agreed upon sub-deduct day(s).

Sick leave may be used as bereavement leave.

3. Eulogizing, Singing, or Providing Music at Funerals

Occasionally, a teacher is asked to eulogize, sing, or provide music at funerals. Teachers will be allowed two days per contract year for requesting paid leave in this category. Teachers may request such leave by filling out the district's leave form.

4. Absences not covered by sick leave policy

Occasionally, a teacher may find it necessary to be absent for reasons not covered by leaves. Teachers will not be paid for days they do not teach, except as covered by the leave policies, or engagement in some professional activity or unusual situation approved by the superintendent or Board. Deductions of days absent will be made as explained below.

Salary payments for substitute help will be paid directly through the business office.

In the event of salary deductions after sick leave benefits have been used or when a non-school business absence occurs, the rate of pay deduction will be:

for nine-month employees, 1/187th of the contracted salary; for ten month employees, 1/203rd of the contracted salary; for eleven month employees, 1/223rd of the contracted salary; for twelve month employees, 1/238th of the contracted salary.

The Board of Education may require a physician's statement that the employee is not physically capable of fulfilling their regular assigned duties. Failure to provide such a statement could result in Board action to terminate sick leave benefits at that time.

## 5. Family and Medical Leave

In compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, USD 506 provides up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to “eligible” employees for certain family and medical reasons. Employees are eligible if they have worked for a covered employer for at least one year, and for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months.

### **Article V: Pay for Unused Sick Leave**

Unused sick leave not to exceed 70 days will be paid at the rate of \$70 per day when the teacher retires or leaves U.S.D. 506 employment, provided the teacher has a minimum of 10 years of service in U.S.D. 506.

### **Article VI: Activity Ticket**

Each teacher of U.S.D. 506 shall be issued an activity ticket, which shall be honored at all regular school functions held within the district.

Said ticket shall not be honored at basketball tournaments and special events.

Said ticket shall be honored for employee, spouse, and children who have not yet graduated from high school.

The Board of Education will have an expectation that those teachers in attendance at school functions will assume a reasonable amount of general supervision as needed.

### **Article VII: Individual Development Plan (I.D.P.)**

Each teacher who uses or plans to use a professional day must have an I.D.P. on file. Said plan shall be kept current annually.

### **Article VIII: Employee Cafeteria Plan**

Employee benefits may be selected as a salary reduction from the district 125 Cafeteria Plan.

Each teacher shall by September 1 designate in writing salary reductions. Such designation shall be done only once each year.

### **Article IX: Health Insurance Rebates or Refunds**

Any refund paid by the district’s health plan back to the district will be returned to the participant. Each participating employee shall receive a proportionate share of the refund based on their proportionate share of the total premium paid by all employees during the plan year the refund was earned

## **Article X: Selection of Health Insurance Carrier**

The Board shall review annually the health insurance company and plan, for the purpose of considering changes in same.

## **Article XI: Release From Contract**

When a teacher asks to be released from a contract with the district, the Board's first obligation is to the children in the district.

If a suitable replacement can be found and it is felt that the educational program of the school will not be impaired, a teacher may be released from the obligations of a contract providing the teacher pays for the liquidated damages at the time such request is made. Accrued sick leave or unpaid compensation or other compensation against the \$1,500 liquidated damages will be applied to the amount owed to the district for early release.

In the event said release from contract is granted after May 15 and prior to July 1, said teacher shall pay a sum of \$500 toward expenses involved in securing a satisfactory replacement.

In the event said release from contract is granted July 1 or after, said teacher shall pay a sum of \$1,500 toward expenses involved in securing a satisfactory replacement.

Applicable payment toward expenses shall accompany the request for release from contract.

## **Article XII: Resignation or Retirement**

Certified staff that turn in an official resignation or retirement letter to the Board of Education before Thanksgiving break begins will receive a \$500 stipend, and if by February 1<sup>st</sup> they will receive a \$250 stipend.

## **Article XIII: Health Insurance Benefit**

The Board shall pay, in addition to salary, a fringe benefit for teachers. The Board agrees to pay the cost of the lowest tier single plan of the district provided health insurance to be applied towards a district health insurance plan. Said benefit will not exceed **\$650.00** per month. The plan will cover all certified/licensed teachers employed at least .5 FTE

Certified/licensed teachers who began employment prior to August 11, 1998, and choose not to enroll in the district's health insurance plan, will receive a benefit of \$64 per month as cash. This is a fixed cash amount; it shall not increase even if the Board's contribution to the insurance plan increases. Teachers hired after August 11, 1998, must use their benefit for the purpose of purchasing the district's health insurance plan. New employees who do not wish to purchase the health insurance plan will forfeit the benefit amount. Should those who choose the cash option later decide to join the district's health plan, they shall forfeit the cash since it

will be applied to the insurance plan. Furthermore, this is a one-way decision, in that a person moving from a cash option to an insurance fringe cannot later go back to the cash option.

## **Article XIV: Teachers' Professional Meetings and Work Days**

### Section A: Professional Meetings Request

1. There are appropriate and valuable professional meetings which individuals wish to attend. Such meetings would include curriculum meetings; curriculum workshops (which may not include college credit); study, consulting and/or observation of other teachers and school educational programs which merit observations; and state or regional subject and curriculum-oriented meetings, school improvement and pedagogical improvement meetings, and others as deemed valuable by the teacher and administration.
2. Requests for attendance to national meetings shall be handled individually by the Board of Education.
3. Teachers who wish to attend professional meetings should make application to the superintendent in writing at least two (2) weeks prior to said meeting.
4. For those professional meetings approved by the superintendent, the Board will provide the following allowances:
  - a. The Board will pay a substitute, when necessary.
  - b. Meal expense will be allowed not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25) per day, or proportionate amount. (Payment made only for meals approved in advance and upon presentation of paid receipt.)
  - c. A school car shall be used as transportation when the car is available. When the school car is not available, mileage as per prevailing state rate from school to destination and return trip will be allowed (provided advance written approval is secured from the superintendent of Schools). Other reasonable transportation expenses, including tolls and parking, shall also be paid.
  - d. Actual lodging expense, subject to the superintendent's prior approval, will be allowed for each day of the meeting.
  - e. The registration fee and other related expenses shall be paid, subject to the prior approval of the superintendent.
  - f. Payment to be made upon presentation of receipts, itemized statements, and a signed claim voucher by the claimant.

Section B: Professional In-service Meetings and Work Days

1. All workdays shall be free of meetings called by the administration.
2. The professional staff shall have one-half (1/2) day (from the normal start of the duty day to 11:45) on the last day of the first, second, and third nine weeks to prepare grades.
3. There shall be two (2) workdays, one at the beginning of the school year and one at the end of the school year.
4. Verified Semester grades shall be due in the principal's office on or before the last teacher workday of each semester.

**Article XV: LCTA Meetings**

Two LCTA members shall be allowed to attend two meetings during the year without substitute pay being deducted (a maximum of four substitutes per year).

All other teachers shall be in attendance at their assigned duties on the date of the teachers' meeting.

It is hereby agreed that school shall be in session during the K.N.E.A. meetings and that the two days shall be incorporated into the Spring Break.

The two spring break days shall not be subject to being used as "make-up days for lost school days."

**Article XVI: Job Openings**

Professional staff vacancies will be posted in each building and in the district newsletter when the listing goes to placement bureaus, or after the Board of Education acts upon the resignation, whichever comes first.

**Article XVII: Reduction in Force**

The following steps will be utilized by the district's administrative staff to reduce the teaching staff.

To determine the number of teaching positions to be reduced, the Board of Education and the administrative staff will ascertain the educational program for the district to meet the educational goals established by the Board.

The number of teachers needed to implement the district's education program will then be determined by the administrative staff based on those educational goals as determined by the Board.

In the event the Board decides that the size of the teaching staff must be reduced, guidelines in the rules will be followed.

1. Insofar as possible, reduction will be accomplished by attrition due to resignations and retirement.
2. Non-tenured teacher in the curricula area and/or level that the Board has determined reduction is necessary.
3. Needs for reduction beyond the above methods shall be based on program continuation, individual full certification in teaching area, need for supplemental assignments, school and district accreditation and district tenure in the various departments or level in which the individual is presently teaching.

Department and levels shall be as follows:

Elementary Primary K-6

Elementary Junior High Grades 7-8

Elementary: Music, P.E., Title I, Library

Secondary: Language, music, science, business, social science, math, guidance, vocational individual programs.

District tenure will follow the teacher to the level or department at which they (the teacher) are presently teaching.

#### **Article XVIII: Daily Preparation Period and Extended Contract Rate**

1. All teachers shall, in addition to a minimum twenty (20) minute duty free lunch period, have daily preparation time within the instructional day during which they shall not be assigned to any other duties.
2. That time shall be guaranteed as follows:
  - a. Elementary – a minimum of 250 minutes weekly for a full 5-day week (no less than a 30-minute block of time on each day)
  - b. High School – one class period per day
  - c. Part-time teachers shall receive planning time proportionately to their equivalency.
3. An employee and an administrator may mutually agree to a teaching assignment during the employee's planning period and/or an equivalent period outside the contract day. Teachers assigned to teach during their plan time and/or equivalent class period outside the contract day shall receive additional compensation at the rate of 1/7 of their current placement on the salary schedule. It is agreed that the assignment shall not be considered part of the employee's primary contract.
  - a. When periods are traded, there will be no extended pay. Example: Teach a 7:00 a.m. class and the same number of classes as presently are being taught, leave school at end of school day, or come in after first period, teach same number of classes as present and an after-school class.

**Article XIX: Calendar**

The superintendent will prepare the school calendar after providing all certified staff an opportunity for input on the school calendar. The superintendent will submit a calendar recommendation to the Board for approval. A summary of staff input on the school calendar shall be shared with the Board along with the superintendent’s calendar recommendation.

A list of the abbreviations or codes that are used on individual paychecks with an explanation as to what they represent and a copy of the school calendar adopted and approved by the Board shall be attached to the negotiated agreement for informational purposes as appendix items. It is specifically agreed by the Board and the Association that the inclusion of the list of abbreviations and/or the school calendar in the negotiated agreement does not make these items negotiable in the future.

**Article XX: Supplemental Pay**

1. Percent To Be of Individual Step
2. Supplemental pay shall be computed based on step less \$2,000.

<u><b>ATHLETICS</b></u>	<b>%</b>	<u><b>OTHER</b></u>	<b>%</b>
<b>SENIOR HIGH</b>		<b>SENIOR HIGH</b>	
Head Football, Sr. High	12%	High School Band Director	9.5%
Ass't Football, Sr. High	8%	Play (maximum of 2 plays per year)	4%
Head Basketball, Sr. High	12%	Musical Vocal	4%
Ass't Basketball, Sr. High	8%	Musical Drama	4%
Head Wrstling, Sr. High	12%	Musical Instrumental	1%
Ass't Wrestling, Sr. High	8%	Intramural Dir. & Supervisor Head	4%
Head Track, Sr. High	10%	Sponsor Yearbook	4%
Ass't Track, Sr. High	7%	Head Sponsor STUCO	2.5%
Head Volleyball, Sr. High	10%	Head Sponsor Senior Class	2.5%
Ass't Volleyball, Sr. High	7%	Head Sponsor Junior Class	2.5%
Head Baseball, Sr. High	10%	Dept. Chairman	2.5%
Ass't Baseball, Sr. High	7%	Head Sponsor Grizzly Spirit	2.5%
Head Softball, Sr. High	10%	Head Sponsor FBLA	4%
Ass't Softball, Sr. High	7%	Head Sponsor FFA	4%
Boys' Tennis, Sr. High	8%	Head Sponsor SKILLS (Health)	4%
Ass't Boys' Tennis, Sr. High	3.5%	Head Sponsor FCCLA	4%
Girls' Tennis, Sr. High	8%	Head Sponsor SKILLS	4%
Ass't Girls' Tennis, Sr. High	3.5%	Head Scholar's Bowl, Sr. High	5%
Golf, Sr. High	8%	Director of Summer Conditioning	6%
Ass't Golf, Sr. High	3.5%	Debate	5%
Cross Country, Sr. High	10%	Forensics	5%
<u><b>ATHLETICS</b></u>	<b>%</b>	Head Sponsor KAY	2.5%
<b>SENIOR HIGH</b>		Head Sponsor NHS	2.5%
Ass't Cross Country, Sr. High	3.5%		
Swim Coach	8%		

Ass't Swim Coach	3.5%
Varsity Cheerleader Coach	12%
Freshmen Cheerleader Coach	5%
Dance Team Sponsor	7%

**ATHLETICS**

**JUNIOR HIGH**

7th & 8th Football	7%
7th & 8th B. Basketball	7%
7th & 8th G. Basketball	7%
7th & 8th Volleyball	7%
7th & 8th Track	7%
7th & 8th Wrestling	7%
Jr. High Cheerleader Sponsor	7%
7th & 8th Ass't Coach	4%

**OTHER**

**JUNIOR HIGH**

7th & 8th Head Scholar's Bowl	3%
Elementary Yearbook Sponsor	3%
Elementary Music/Band	3%

\* Supplemental Pay Gatekeepers and Ticket Takers for Musicals and Junior/Senior Plays; Pep Club Trip Sponsor; Official Clock Keeper for home volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling; Official Scorekeeper for home volleyball, football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, softball, track meets: \$15 per hr. with a minimum of \$50 per assignment

Supplemental pay for travel relative to multiple school assignments on the same school day shall be the prevailing state rate per mile, on August 1 of the current school year, for the predetermined district calculation of distance traveled from an assigned school to the next assigned school in the same school day. Travel payments shall be paid monthly for actual predetermined total miles driven by the teacher assigned to multiple buildings in a single school day, for the time period beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and concluding the last day of the same month prior to each district monthly payroll date.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Miles</u>
Altamont	Bartlett	14.06	Bartlett	Edna	9.76
Altamont	Edna	13.02	Bartlett	Mound Valley	21.26
Altamont	Meadow View	7.96	Edna	Mound Valley	13.00
Altamont	Mound Valley	7.46	Bartlett	LCHS	13.98
Meadow View	Bartlett	20.92	Edna	LCHS	13.22
Meadow View	Edna	20.72	Meadow View	LCHS	7.87
Meadow View	Mound Valley	15.16	Mound Valley	LCHS	7.66

Supplemental Pay for building level technology support and committee meetings that meet beyond the duty day and are assigned or approved in advance by the superintendent shall be compensated at \$10 per hour.

Supplemental Pay Summer Trip Sponsors:

Sponsors who sponsor approved summer state and national trips shall be paid at the rate of \$72 per day except that if the sponsor is on an extended contract the trip days to be sponsored may, at the discretion of the superintendent, be traded for extended contract days. Supplemental Pay In-School Suspension Supervising:

Teachers who supervise, at the request of the building administrator, the in-school suspension after the close of the school day shall be paid at the rate of \$6 per hour for the time, they supervise the students being detained.

Supplemental Pay Summer School:

Supplemental pay for summer school shall be at the Board approved daily substitute teacher amount for a workday no less than five (5) hours.

Supplemental Pay for Curriculum Development:

Supplemental pay for approved curriculum development outside the contract day shall be eleven (\$11) dollars per hour employed.

Supplemental Pay for Summer Institute:

As funds are available annually and approved by the Board of Education, the superintendent and/or his/her designee, in consultation with the Professional Development Committee, shall schedule an in-district professional learning opportunity designated "Summer Institute" for certified staff members. Participation shall be voluntary; however, those certified staff members choosing to voluntarily participate in Summer Institute, may be required by the superintendent to participate in all or a majority of the scheduled professional learning opportunities as a condition of being allowed to participate in Summer Institute.

Certified staff members choosing to participate in Summer Institute shall be compensated at a rate of no less than eleven (\$11) dollars per hour. Based upon an annual review of available funding, the superintendent may recommend to the Board, a Summer Institute hourly payment, which may exceed eleven (\$11) dollars per hour. Said payment, as recommended by the superintendent and Board approved, shall not obligate the Board to similar payments in future years.

The Board approved payment amount for Summer Institute shall be made only to those certified staff members participating in the designated Summer Institute professional learning opportunity. Certified staff members shall not substitute other professional learning opportunities for Summer Institute payment.

Supplemental Pay for Summer Driver Education:

Driver's Education instructors will be paid \$150.00 per student.

Supplemental Pay for National Board-Certified Teachers:

The Board shall pay a \$1000 annual stipend for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, National Board-Certified Teachers during the life of the NBPTS license. This stipend shall be in addition to any state stipend for same.

Professional Learning Communities:

The district will provide transportation to teachers required to attend Professional Learning Community meetings in any town that is not their home school.

*\*Supplemental pay for work done outside the workday.*

**Article XXI: Salary Schedule 2025-2026**

The Board reserves the right to pay more than the schedule provides in any position if they deem it best for the welfare of the children in our schools.

The salary schedule shall include seven (7) columns labeled as Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Column B; B.S.+ 15, Column C; B.S. + 40 or M.S., Column D; M.S.+ 15, Column E; M.S.+ 30, Column F; M.S.+ 45, Column F<sup>1</sup>; and M.S. + 60, or M.S. + M.S., or Ed.S., Column G.

The difference between each vertical row is as follows:

**25-26 Salary Schedule:**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
USD 506	2025-2026 Salary Schedule - Amounts						
	{ 1} BS	{ 2} BS+15	{ 3} MS	{ 4} MS+15	{ 5} MS+30	{ 6} MS+45	{ 7} MS+60/MS+MS
{ 1} 00YRS EXP	46,230.00	47,030.00	48,030.00	49,130.00	50,330.00	51,530.00	52,730.00
{ 2} 01 YRS EXP	46,830.00	47,630.00	48,630.00	49,730.00	50,930.00	52,130.00	53,330.00
{ 3} 02 YRS EXP	47,430.00	48,230.00	49,230.00	50,330.00	51,530.00	52,730.00	53,930.00
{ 4} 03 YRS EXP	48,030.00	48,830.00	49,830.00	50,930.00	52,130.00	53,330.00	54,530.00
{ 5} 04 YRS EXP	48,630.00	49,430.00	50,430.00	51,530.00	52,730.00	53,930.00	55,130.00
{ 6} 05 YRS EXP	49,305.00	50,105.00	51,105.00	52,205.00	53,405.00	54,605.00	55,805.00
{ 7} 06 YRS EXP	49,980.00	50,780.00	51,780.00	52,880.00	54,080.00	55,280.00	56,480.00
{ 8} 07 YRS EXP	50,655.00	51,455.00	52,455.00	53,555.00	54,755.00	55,955.00	57,155.00
{ 9} 08 YRS EXP	51,330.00	52,130.00	53,130.00	54,230.00	55,430.00	56,630.00	57,830.00
{ 10} 09 YRS EXP	52,005.00	52,805.00	53,805.00	54,905.00	56,105.00	57,305.00	58,505.00
{ 11} 10 YRS EXP	0.00	53,555.00	54,555.00	55,655.00	56,855.00	58,055.00	59,255.00
{ 12} 11 YRS EXP	0.00	54,305.00	55,305.00	56,405.00	57,605.00	58,805.00	60,005.00
{ 13} 12 YRS EXP	0.00	55,055.00	56,055.00	57,155.00	58,355.00	59,555.00	60,755.00
{ 14} 13 YRS EXP	0.00	55,805.00	56,805.00	57,905.00	59,105.00	60,305.00	61,505.00
{ 15} 14 YRS EXP	0.00	56,555.00	57,555.00	58,655.00	59,855.00	61,055.00	62,255.00
{ 16} 15 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	58,380.00	59,480.00	60,680.00	61,880.00	63,080.00
{ 17} 16 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	59,205.00	60,305.00	61,505.00	62,705.00	63,905.00
{ 18} 17 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	60,030.00	61,130.00	62,330.00	63,530.00	64,730.00
{ 19} 18 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	60,855.00	61,955.00	63,155.00	64,355.00	65,555.00
{ 20} 19 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	61,680.00	62,780.00	63,980.00	65,180.00	66,380.00
{ 21} 20 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	62,580.00	63,680.00	64,880.00	66,080.00	67,280.00
{ 22} 21 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	64,580.00	65,780.00	66,980.00	68,180.00
{ 23} 22 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66,680.00	67,880.00	69,080.00
{ 24} 23 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67,580.00	68,780.00	69,980.00
{ 25} 24 YRS EXP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	69,680.00	70,880.00
{ 26} Bottom Step	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lane 6/7	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## **Article XXII: Appeal Procedure for Problems**

The purpose of the appeal procedure is to facilitate free, easy, and effective communication between teachers and the administrative staff in order to secure, in good faith, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to problems relative to the negotiated agreement, which may arise from time to time.

The number of people involved in the appeal proceedings is to be minimal, and the appeal proceedings are to be kept as informal as may be appropriate at any level of the appeal procedure.

When a teacher has a problem, relative to the negotiated agreement, the following appeal procedures shall be followed.

1. Discussion of the problem between the teacher and the building principal within five working days after the problem occurs.
2. If a satisfactory solution is not forthcoming from the above conference, the teacher may request within five working days an interview with the superintendent of Schools relative to the problem. The superintendent will then arrange a conference within ten working days after such request with all parties involved in the problem and will make every effort to arrive at a fair and professional solution. The superintendent will make his written response to the appellant within ten working days after the conference.
3. If, in the teacher's estimation, the superintendent's solution does not result in understanding and justice for the employee, the teacher within ten working days may request in writing a conference meeting with the Board of Education to discuss the problem. In such request, the teacher shall state the problem, the negotiated item involved and the solution sought together with any other information such teacher believes is pertinent. This will be an informal meeting held in executive session at the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting.

At the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, all parties to the problem will be present, and each shall be allowed to speak, in executive session, on their behalf. The President of the Board of Education acts as chairman at the meeting.

The Board of Education's written decision to the appellant, principal, and superintendent, following said meeting, shall be binding, but shall not set a precedent in any other proceedings.

A prepared form for filing a written appeal relative to a problem is attached as an addendum to this document.

### **Article XXIII: Reproduction of Negotiated Agreement**

The district office will provide each new teacher with a copy of the negotiated agreement and furnish requested copies for each LCTA building representative. The district will also publish the negotiated agreement on the district web site.

### **Article XXIV: Duty-Free Lunch Period**

Each professional employee shall receive a 20-minute duty-free lunch period.

### **Article XXV: Work Day and Meetings**

#### **1. Arrival and Departure Time**

The teachers' workday shall be seven (7) hours and forty (40) minutes, including the duty-free lunch. Any absences from the building during the scheduled workday shall require approval of the building principal.

#### **2. Meetings**

Unless excused by the person in charge, each teacher shall be present at all teacher meetings called by the Board of Education, superintendent, or principal. On the days there is a faculty meeting in a given building, and as determined by the building administrator more time is needed than is available for the meeting, the building administrator may, for that day, adjust the starting and ending time of the work day so as to give a longer single meeting period, in so long as the teacher work day does not exceed seven (7) hours and fifty (50) minutes.

The building principal shall give written notice at least one (1) week in advance of a meeting that will adjust the starting and ending time of the workday.

No faculty meeting or compensatory time for secondary teachers will begin prior to five minutes after school is dismissed.

### **Article XXVI: Duration of Agreement**

This agreement will become effective July 1, 2025, and will expire on June 30, 2026.

### **Article XXVII: Dues Deduction**

The Board of Education shall upon the written request of a teacher by September 1 deduct teacher association dues within a given contract year, in the amount and over the pay periods indicated on the written form.

The Board shall make a monthly reimbursement each month to the local association of the total dues collected to date for the month, with a list of names and amounts deducted.

Teachers dropping their membership shall notify the LCTA by August 15 and the LCTA shall notify the Board clerk by September 1.

**Article XXVIII: District Personnel Files**

The school district maintains a district personnel file for each employee of the district.

Individual district personnel files shall be accessible to the respective employee for inspection during reasonable school business hours upon written request to the administrator who is custodian of the individual file.

The individual shall be entitled upon request, at no expense to the individual, to copies of items in the individual file.

**Article XXIX: Facility and Equipment Use**

The Association shall be allowed access to and use of the district facilities such as buildings, copy machines and computers, etc. The Association will provide paper and consumable supplies for Association business; but will be allowed reasonable use of paper for the purpose of the bargaining process. All use of buildings and equipment shall be scheduled with the appropriate building principal.

No privacy exists for the use of school computers, and appropriate district staff can examine any school computer at any time.

**Article XXX: Sick Leave Pool**

There is hereby established a pool of sick leave days for use by teachers. The sick leave pool shall be used in the event of major illness or disability. This pool is not intended for brief absences and will be implemented as follows:

1. Each teacher shall be a member of the sick leave pool and eligible for the benefits therein.
2. Each teacher shall transfer one (1) leave day each year to the sick leave pool. If the accumulated days in the sick leave pool are more than 300 days on August 1 of any year, employees that have donated to the pool for a minimum of 3 years will not be required to transfer their 1 leave day.
3. Days transferred by an employee become a permanent part of the pool and will not be returned. At the end of each contract year, the unused days in the sick leave pool shall be carried over into the sick leave pool for the next contract year.
4. If the accumulated days in the sick leave pool are less than 100 days on August 1 of any year, each employee shall contribute two days to the pool that year. Additionally, if the pool is depleted during any year, the committee shall take action as needed to meet the needs of the members of the pool.

5. Before using the sick leave pool, each employee shall have depleted his/her accumulated sick and personal leave.
6. Sick leave pool days are intended to provide for absences caused by prolonged and serious diseases or disabilities for the employee or his/her immediate family as described below. That would include intermittent absences due to follow-up care related to the initial condition. Except as related to the underlying serious medical condition, sick leave pool days are not intended for medical or dental appointments.
7. The application form will include a written statement from the employee's physician certifying that the employee is incapable of performing his/her duties as a result of the prolonged illness or disability. The physician may be asked to certify in writing the number of days absence the given illness or disability requires. The completed form should be returned to the office of the Superintendent who will forward it to the committee.
8. Employees would be eligible for a number of days depending on longevity of sick leave pool membership. These limits are for each illness/disability; a separate situation would also be eligible for consideration by the committee in the same school year.

9. (Years = donated to the sick leave pool)

Year 1 – 5	10 days
Year 6 – 10	20 days
Year 11-15	30 days
Years 16-20	40 days
Years 21 and above	days as supported by one's physician

10. Catastrophic Clause: During a catastrophic emergency, the employee may apply to the sick leave pool committee for additional days. The committee will review each catastrophic emergency request on an individual basis.
11. The sick leave pool may not be used to cover employees who are receiving pay from worker's compensation or KPERS disability.
12. The provisions of this section shall apply only to illness/disability of the employee, spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the employee or his/her spouse.
13. The sick leave screening committee which shall consist of:
  - LCTA President
  - Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent
  - LCTA Building representative from the applicant's building
  - Principal from applicant's building
14. A request must receive at least 2 votes to be approved.

15. The committee will make a decision within 10 days of the request. Written notification of decision will be made by the committee to the applicant.
16. No committee member shall vote on his/her own request or the request of a family member.
17. Days as used throughout this article refer to duty days.
18. The District Office will maintain a record of the days contributed to the Pool and days granted by the Pool Bank and regularly make such record available.

### **Article XXXI: Tuition Pool**

1. The Board provides \$20,000 per fiscal year for the tuition pool. There shall be no carryover of unused funds from one fiscal year to the next.
2. The tuition pool shall be limited to graduate classes related to a teacher's content area. All courses must be approved by the superintendent prior to the start of the class for which reimbursement is being requested. Tuition reimbursement form is found in the negotiated agreement.
3. The district shall pay up to 3 hours of the tuition and fees, excluding books and materials, upon proof of the successful completion of the course. The academic year runs from July 1 through June 30th.
4. Employees can apply for additional credit hours, but reimbursement is not guaranteed. Additional credit hours may be funded if there are funds available.
5. Final transcripts along with receipts for tuition and fees shall be presented to the district office within 30 days of the completion of the course.
6. In the event the total amount of the pool is exhausted, the fees shall be paid in the order the requests were submitted for reimbursement.
7. The superintendent may identify the need for a current staff member to voluntarily add an additional teaching endorsement to their current Kansas teaching license. Should said staff member voluntarily choose to add the requested endorsement, the Board of Education reserves the right to negotiate terms and conditions with said staff member for the payment of any or all related expenses specific to the acquisition of said endorsement.

## **Article XXXII: Teacher Evaluation**

Career teachers are professional educators who are in or beyond their fifth year. Career teachers may choose between two evaluation systems.

One is the traditional summative system in which the administrator makes periodic classroom observations. The administrator then fills out a summative report and holds a conference with the teacher.

The alternative is a self-analysis/self-reflection system outlined as follows:

1. The career teacher indicates by September 15 of each year whether they intend to follow the self-assessment or the summative evaluation model.
2. The career teacher completes a written self-assessment by September 15.
3. By the end of September, the career teacher participates in a self-assessment conference with the administrator. The purpose of this conference is to define/refine the growth target selected by the teacher.
4. The target must be data based and student centered. How will the growth target improve student learning?
5. After the growth target is selected, a growth plan is developed.
6. The teacher participates in two conferences reflecting on the process. One shall be prior to February 15 and the second at the end of the school year.
7. This may end an annual cycle or lead to a continuation of the same growth goal for the next year.
8. The self-assessment instrument shall be included in the appendix. This shall be for information purposes only.

### **Article XXXIII: Teachers in Need of Improvement**

If a building principal or other administrator charged with supervision duty judges a teacher's performance to be sub-standard, that administrator shall notify the teacher in writing of the improvements needed. The administrator shall develop a plan of improvement.

## REQUEST FOR LEAVE

- Type of Leave:
- Personal (complete section 1)
  - Professional (complete sections 1, 2, and 3)
  - Bereavement (complete sections 1 and 2 and explain relationship)  
Policy GBRI-R
  - Eulogizing, singing, or music at funerals (complete sections 1 & 2 with explanation)

<b>1.</b>	Name _____	Date of request _____
Date of leave _____		

<b>2.</b>	Briefly explain the nature of request (attach copy of brochure if possible) _____	
_____		
_____		
_____		
Location of meeting _____ Method of transportation _____		
Time of Departure _____ Time of Return _____		
Is a substitute required? _____		

<b>3.</b>	Are you requesting the district reimburse your expenses? _____ (If yes, itemize below)	
Mileage (round trip miles x 36¢) = _____ Registration Fee = _____ Meals = _____ Lodging = _____ Other (Specify) = _____ Estimated Total Cost = _____		
<i>(Attach bills/receipts to Expense Claim)</i>		
State Inservice Plan Participant? _____		Leave Requested by: _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher's Signature  
 LEAVE APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Principal's Signature  
 LEAVE NOT APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Superintendent's Signature

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FORM REQUESTING PROBLEM RESOLUTION\*

1. To: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Building Administrator)
  
2. From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Employee)
  
3. Date, time, and place of alleged problem:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Outline the details of the problem (use back of page, if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
5. How do you believe the problem can be resolved? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Is the problem, in your opinion, a violation of the negotiated agreement? \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, please list Article and explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Employee Time Date

Upon receipt of this form, the problem will be addressed.

\*This form is not required for review of a problem, however, it may be used at any level of review.

This Supplemental Contract is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between &01 party of the first part and the Board of Education, Labette County U.S.D. 506, under and pursuant to the provisions of KSA 72-5412a whereby the Board of Education agrees to employ the Teacher to perform supplemental duties as follows:

Assignment		Amount
&42	&41	\$*44
&48	&47	\$*50
&54	&53	\$*56
&60	&59	\$*62
&66	&65	\$*68
		\$*36
For the annual total supplemental salary of		\$~81

Payment shall be made on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar month in twelve monthly payments. This contract is subject to termination by the Board of Education or by the Teacher at the conclusion of the supplemental assignment for the \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ school year upon written notice by either party.

Please sign and return to the Board of Education Office. A signed copy will be returned to the party of the first part.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 President, Board of Education

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Attest: Clerk, Board of Education

(Please sign and return both copies)

## Personal Growth Plan

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Priority #	Performance area/criterion on which growth is sought:
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Growth Objective:
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Action Steps	Target Date(s)	Accomplishment Evidenced by: (Data)

Principal Comments:	Teacher Comments:
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Plan of Improvement

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluator \_\_\_\_\_ Plan of Improvement Period \_\_\_\_\_

Priority # _____	Performance area/criterion for improvement:
	Improvement Objective:
Action Steps	Target Date(s)      Accomplishment Evidenced by: (Data)

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Labette County Schools

## 2025-2026 District Calendar



### 2025

#### JULY

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

#### AUGUST

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

#### SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

#### OCTOBER

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

#### NOVEMBER

M	T	W	Th	F
	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
25	26	27	28	

#### DECEMBER

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

### 2026

#### JANUARY

M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

#### FEBRUARY

M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

#### MARCH

M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

#### APRIL

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

#### MAY

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

#### JUNE

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

- Enrollment
- Beginning/End of School Year
- No School In-Lieu of P/T Conferences
- End of Quarter
- No School - Holiday
- Teacher Work Day
- Staff Development
- Elementary Parent/Teach Conferences
- LCHS Academic Work Sessions
- 1/2 Day for Students
- LCHS Freshmen Orientation Night

Students   Teachers		
Students in Class	167.5	167.5
P/T Conferences	2.0	2.0
Staff Development	2.75	5.5
Work Days	0	4.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>172.25</b>	<b>179</b>

#### August

- 4-5 Elementary Enrollment
- 4-6 High School Enrollment
- 15/18 Staff Development
- 19 Work Day
- 20 Half Day of School for K-9/ (0.5) Work Day
- 21 Full Day of School PreK-12

#### September

- 1 Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

#### October

- 14/16 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22 LCHS Academic Work Session
- 17 End of 1st Quarter (41 Days) School(0.5)/Work Day(0.5)

#### November

- 3 Staff Development
- 5/12 LCHS Academic Work Sessions
- 24 No School (In Lieu of P/T Conferences)
- 25-30 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

#### December

- 3 LCHS Academic Work Sessions
- 18 End of 2nd Quarter (38 Days) End of 1st Semester (79 Days)
- 19-31 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL

#### January

- 1-2 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL
- 5 Staff Dev(0.5)/Work Day(0.5)
- 19 MLK Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL

#### February

- 9 Staff Development
- 17/19 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences

#### March

- 9/10 LCHS Freshmen Orientation
- 13 End of 3rd Quarter (46.5 Days) - School (0.5)/Work Day (0.5)
- 16-20 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

#### April

- 3 No School (In Lieu of P/T Conf.)
- 6 Staff Development

#### May

- 21 End of 4th Qtr (42 Days) End of 2nd Semester (88.5 Days) - Last Full Day of School PreK-11
- 22 Work Day

## BASE SALARY 1st column

OP -- Other pay (gatekeeper, extra hours, etc.)  
 OP-TAXED PRO -- Taxable portions of life insurance premiums for coverage over \$50,000  
 OP-TRAVEL -- Travel stipends (usually over 12 months)  
 OP-INSBENEFIT -- Cash benefit in lieu of insurance

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GROSS SALARY

DEDUCTIONS -- Total of -CURR. DED.- 4th column from the left:  
 REDUCTIONS -- -CURR. CON.- 5th column less all the SSD (Social Security District Share)

\*\*\*\*\*  
 NET SALARY -- The amount of your check

D/H (2nd column) -- Days/hours

O-T -- Overtime

LEAVE Avail Used Left (Avail=days at beginning of contract)  
 (Used=total days used since beginning of current contract)  
 (Left=days still available to be used)

PERSO -- Personal days (these would be for certified staff)  
 SICK -- Sick days  
 PROFE -- Professional days (these would be for certified staff)  
 VACAT -- Vacation days (these would be for support staff)  
 SEMFU -- Eulogizing, Singing or Providing Music at Funerals (page 2 negotiated agreement)  
 SCH R -- School related (workshops, inservice, field trips, etc.-for certified staff)  
 POOL -- Sick leave pool (page 13 negotiated agreement certified staff)

## -CURR. DED.-

FWH -- Federal tax withholding  
 SWH -- State tax withholding  
 SSD -- Social Security employee contribution  
 SSE -- Social Security employee contribution to Medicare  
 KPE -- KPERs 4% employee contribution  
 KPR -- KPERs employee contribution (buy backs)  
 KPS -- KPERs employee contribution (buy backs)  
 SBL -- Extra units of life insurance that do not qualify for the Cafeteria 125 plan  
 SSP -- Salary protection Security Benefit (not in the Cafe 125 plan)  
 AMF -- Salary protection American Fidelity (not in the Cafe 125 plan)  
 PHD -- Preferred Health (health insurance not in the Cafe 125 plan)  
 KNE -- K-NEA membership  
 KOI -- KPERs optional group life (not in the Cafe 125 plan)  
 MIS -- Miscellaneous deduction (child support, garnishments, etc.)  
 IRA -- ITC Roth IRA (not tax exempt)  
 \*All TSA's (tax sheltered Annuities) as follows  
 PIO -- Pioneer annuity  
 FRA -- Franklin Life annuity  
 PRU -- Prudential Annuity  
 UNI -- Union Central Annuity  
 MET -- Metropolitan Annuity  
 JAC -- Jackson National Annuity  
 MBA -- Mutual Benefit Annuity  
 VAL -- Valic Annuity  
 SEC -- Security Benefit Annuity  
 IDS -- I.D.S. Financial Services Inc. Annuity  
 NLI -- Northern Life Ins. Co. Annuity  
 ACT -- American Capital Trust Co. Annuity  
 EQU -- Equitable Annuity  
 NEM -- New England Mutual Life Ins. Annuity  
 PUT -- Putnam Annuity  
 PRD -- Prudential Investments Annuity

## -CURR. CON.-

SSD -- Social Security contribution district share  
 BEN -- Health insurance benefit paid by the district  
 PHR -- Preferred Health Insurance premiums (Cafe 125)  
 SBR -- Security Benefit Insurance-life insurance, dental, vision etc. (Cafe 125)  
 PHE -- Preferred Health Insurance premiums escrow-for 10 month employees (Cafe 125)  
 SRE -- Security Benefit Insurance escrow-life, dental, vision for 10 month employees (Cafe 125)  
 SMR -- Medical reimbursement (Cafe 125)  
 SDR -- Prepaid dependent care (Cafe 125)  
 AHR -- American Heritage Insurance-cancer, heart & stroke (Cafe 125)  
 AHE -- American Heritage escrow-for 10 month employees (Cafe 125)

The last 2 columns are Year-To-Date figures for federal, state, tax sheltered annuities, social security, and medicare, KPERs, insurance, reductions, taxable fringe and gross salary figures for the same.

Tuition  
Reimbursement  
Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_

Did a USD 506 Administrator request that you take this course? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, who?

Licensure:

Endorsements:

Course Information:

Graduate Level Course: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Course Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Cost Per Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Title: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Coursework: \_\_\_\_\_

What makes this course relevant to your current teaching assignment?

Superintendent's Decision:

Approved: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

