

## CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

It is hereby agreed by and between the Board of Education of Waverly Community Schools ("Board" or "District") and Kelly Blake ("Superintendent") that pursuant to Section 1229 of the Revised School Code, the Board hereby employs the Superintendent for a four (4) year period commencing July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2021, according to the following terms and conditions:

1. The Superintendent shall perform the duties as prescribed by the Board and by law and as may be established, modified, and/or amended from time to time by the Board. The Superintendent acknowledges the ultimate authority of the Board as to her duties and agrees to faithfully perform those duties and to diligently implement the District's policies and educational programs.
2. The Superintendent represents that she possesses, and will maintain all certificates, credentials, and qualifications required by law, including the provisions of Sections 1246 and 1536 of the Revised School Code, regulations of the Michigan Department of Education, and those qualifications required by the Board to serve in the position assigned. Additionally the Superintendent agrees, as a condition of her continued employment, to meet and maintain all continuing education requirements for the position, as may be required by the Michigan department of Education. If at any time the Superintendent fails to maintain all required certificates, credentials, continuing requirements, and/or qualifications for the position, her contract shall automatically terminate and the Board shall have no further obligations hereunder.

The Superintendent shall supply copies of all current certificates, credentials and continuing education credits to the Board within thirty (30) days from the first day of employment. The Superintendent shall supply copies of future certificates, credentials, and continuing education credits to the Board within thirty (30) days of completion.

3. The Superintendent agrees to devote her talents, skills, efforts, and abilities toward competently and proficiently fulfilling all duties and responsibilities of the position assigned, including compliance with the Boards directives and carrying out its policies and educational programs. The Superintendent agrees to faithfully perform those duties assigned by the Board and to

comply with the directives of the Board with respect thereto. Further, the Superintendent agrees to comply with and fulfill all responsibilities required by the state and federal law (as well as by the Board and by the District) and to carry out the educational programs and services of the District during the term of her contract. Superintendent agrees that she will diligently and competently discharge her duties on behalf of the District to enhance the operation of the District and will use her best efforts to maintain and improve the quality of the District's program and services.

4. In consideration of her performance of her duties and responsibilities in conformance with the requirements and expectations of the Board, the Superintendent shall be paid an annual (12 months) salary of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000).

The Board retains the right to adjust, but not reduce, the salary of the Superintendent during the term of her Contract. Any adjustments of salary made during the term of this Contract shall be in the form of a written amendment and, when executed by the Superintendent and Board shall become part of the Contract.

The Superintendent may, through voluntary salary reduction, contribute amounts from the above stated compensation to a 403b annuity plan selected by the Superintendent from among those made available by the District to its employees. All contributions shall be within the limitations and procedures established by the Internal Revenue Code and other pertinent statutes.

The Superintendent's annual salary shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal bi-weekly installments beginning with the fiscal/contract year. Upon her separation from employment during any fiscal year, the Superintendent's salary shall be adjusted, consistent with the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act, to reflect payment for the number of workweeks in which services were rendered during the fiscal year.

Any amounts due the Superintendent upon separation from employment shall be remitted by the Board to her as soon as such amounts can diligently be determined. Any salary amounts received by the Superintendent in excess of weeks (including partial weeks) actually worked during the fiscal year shall be deducted from the Superintendent's remaining wages (including any severance payment amounts) and the Superintendent, by executing the Contract, consents to such deduction. Any wage overpayments not recovered by the Board through wage deduction shall be remitted to the Board by the Superintendent within three (3) business days of separation from employment. If any wage overpayments are not remitted in this manner, the Superintendent agrees that judgment may be entered against him in any Michigan court of competent jurisdiction for such amounts.

5. Additionally, as part of her remuneration for services under the terms of this Contract, The Board shall annually contribute (beginning July 1, 2018- to award service for the previous year) on behalf of the Superintendent the amount of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000) to a deferred compensation plan/annuity/403B approved by the Board. The Board agrees to pay retirement benefits, if any, as may be established or adopted for personnel employed by the district expressly identified as the Superintendent of Schools.
6. The Superintendent is employed on the basis of fifty-two (52) weeks of work per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) as scheduled by the Board. The Board agrees to pay Effective July 1, the Superintendent shall be granted vacation time of thirty-one (31) business days per fiscal year. At no time shall the Superintendent's vacation accumulation exceed fifty (50) days.

The Superintendent shall schedule use of vacation days in a manner to minimize interference with the orderly operation and conduct of business of the School District. All scheduling of vacation is subject to the approval of the Board President.

7. The Superintendent's performance shall be evaluated at least annually, but no later than December 31, by the Board using multiple rating categories to take into account data on student growth as required by section 1249 of the Revised School Code (or its successor provision). A mid-year evaluation will be performed during the first two years of this contract, no later than June 30.

This Contract may be extended by the Board at its discretion, if in the opinion of the Board; the Superintendent's performance merits such an extension. Notification of any extension shall be given to the Superintendent by March 15. The Superintendent shall give the Board's President and Secretary a written reminder of the notification requirement by January 1 of each year. If this Contract is extended, a revised Contract reflecting the new term and any other amendments shall be prepared and executed by the parties. The failure of the Board to provide notice under this provision shall not result in an extension of this Contract.

8. The Board shall be entitled to terminate the Superintendent's employment at any time during the term of this contract if it determines that the Superintendent has engaged in acts of moral turpitude, misconduct, dishonesty, fraud, insubordination, incompetency, if the Superintendent materially breaches the terms and conditions of this Contract, or for causes that are not arbitrary or capricious.

In the event that the Board undertakes to dismiss the Superintendent during the term of this Contract, she shall be entitled to a written notice of charges and an opportunity for a hearing before the Board. In the event of termination of this Contract under this paragraph, neither the Board nor the Superintendent shall have further obligation upon the effective date of that termination.

The forgoing standards for termination of the Contract during its term shall not apply to nonrenewal of this Contract at the expiration of its term or non-extension of this Contract during its term, which decisions are discretionary with the Board.

9. In the event of any dispute between the parties relating to discharge of the Superintendent during the term of this Contract, the parties hereby agree to submit the dispute to binding arbitration. The selection of the arbitrator and the arbitration proceeding shall be conducted under the National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes of, and administered by, the American Arbitration Association. Arbitration under this provision shall be conducted pursuant to the terms of the Michigan Arbitration Act, MCL 600.5001, *et seq.*, and MCR 3.602.

The scope of the arbitrator's authority is limited exclusively to the issue of whether a breach of contract occurred, and if so, the measure of monetary damages, which shall not be greater than the value of the salary and benefits remaining at the time of the alleged breach. The arbitrator has no authority to reinstate in the event of a determination of employment. The arbitrator's fee and the expense of the American Arbitration Association shall be shared sixty percent (60%) by the Board and forty(40%) by the Superintendent. All parties are entitled to have representation of their designation; however, each party shall be responsible for the costs of such respective representation.

Any claim for arbitration under this provision must be filed with the American Arbitration Association, in writing and served on the Board within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the Superintendent's discharge during the term of this contract. The Decision and Award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and the judgment thereon maybe entered in the circuit court for the 56<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Michigan (Eaton County), pursuant to MCL 600.5001.

10. The Superintendent shall submit to such medical examinations, supply such information, and execute such documents as may be required by the Board in order to determine if the Superintendent is capable of performing the essential functions of her assignment, with or without reasonable job accommodations. Any Physical or psychological examination or disclosure of such information required by the Board shall be job related and consistent

with business necessity. The Superintendent may request to have an annual physical examination. Any physical or psychological examination under this section shall be at Board expense. Any information obtained from physical or psychological examinations or inquiries shall be confidential.

11. In the event of the Superintendent's mental and/or physical incapacity to perform the duties of her position, she may request and may be granted an initial leave of ninety (90) workdays for purpose of recovery. The Superintendent shall first exhaust any accumulated sick leave and accrued vacation time, with the balance of the ninety (90) workday period to be unpaid. To the extent required by law, health plan premium payments shall be made on the behalf of the Superintendent during this interval. Upon utilizing leave under this provision, the Superintendent shall furnish medical certification to the Board with respect to the necessity for the leave.

If the Board has reason to doubt the validity of the medical certification supplied by the Superintendent, it may require a second and/or third opinion, at Board expense.

The Superintendent may request a ninety (90) day unpaid leave extension in the event of her physical and/or mental inability to work at the expiration of initial leave interval, as described above, provided that there is verified prognosis that the Superintendent will be able to resume her duties at the end of the extended leave interval. Medical certification shall be supplied by the Superintendent as a condition to any leave extension. Any extensions of leave for this purpose shall be at the Boards discretion.

If the Superintendent is unable to or does not resume work at the conclusion of a leave or extension taken under this paragraph, her employment and her Contract may be terminated at the Board's option; however, no such termination shall occur where restoration after leave is required by the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Prior to any resumption of duty after an unpaid leave of absence for a serious health condition, the Superintendent shall provide to the Board a fitness for duty certification from her health care provider.

12. The Superintendent agrees that she shall not be deemed to be granted continuing tenure in the position initially assigned or to any other position to which she may be assigned or transferred in any capacity other than that of a classroom teacher, should the probationary period required for tenure as a teacher be fulfilled, by virtue of this contract or any other employment assignment (requiring certification) with the District. Nor shall any decision of the Board not to continue or renew the employment of the Superintendent for any subsequent period in any capacity, other than as a classroom teacher as may be required by the Michigan Teachers' Tenure Act, be deemed a

breach of this Contract or a discharge or demotion within the provisions of the Michigan Teachers' Tenure Act.

13. Upon proper application and acceptance for enrollment by the appropriate insurance underwriter, policyholder, and/or third-party administrator, the Board shall make premium payments on behalf of the Superintendent and her eligible dependents for enrollment in the following insurance programs:

#### **Health Insurance**

The District will designate the health insurance plan and its specifications. The Superintendent agrees that the Board has the right to allocate to the Superintendent responsibility for a portion of the premium for health insurance, as may be determined by the Board, in its discretion. The contribution shall not be less than the amount determined by the Board to be necessary to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, 2011 PA 152.

The Superintendent hereby agrees to be responsible for any premium contributions required to maintain coverage in excess of the Board designated premium contribution above for her enrollment category. The Superintendent hereby consents to payroll deduction for all premium amounts in excess of the Board designated premium subsidy, as indicated above.

Should the Superintendent not opt to enroll in the District's medical/hospitalization program a cash amount of \$550 per month shall be provided, through a section 125 Plan adopted by the Board. The Superintendent may elect to contribute the above amount to a 403(b) tax deferred annuity selected from among the options available under the District's 403(b) Plan.

#### **Dental Insurance**

The Superintendent is eligible for District-paid premiums for dental coverage through Delta Dental (full family coverage). Coverage is effective the first day of the month after the date of hire.

The District has the option to self-fund this benefit.

Benefits provided will include no less than one hundred percent (100%) coverage for basic dental; fifty percent (50%) coverage of prosthodontics services, not to exceed \$1,500 per family member; fifty percent (50%) coverage of orthodontic services, not to exceed \$1,500 per family member.

### **Life Insurance**

The Superintendent is eligible for District-paid premiums for group term life insurance in the amount of two times the Superintendent's annual salary (rounded up to the next \$1,000) to be paid to the Superintendent's immediate survivors(s). Coverage is effective the first day of the month following the date of hire. Superintendent may opt to personally fund this insurance after termination with the district.

### **Vision Insurance**

The Superintendent is eligible for District-paid premiums for SET/SEG II vision insurance or comparable vision insurance through a carrier selected by the District (full family coverage). Coverage is effective the first day of the month following date of hire. The District has the option to self-fund this benefit.

### **Long Term Disability**

The Superintendent is eligible for District-paid premiums for long-term disability insurance. Coverage is effective the first day of the month following the date of hire. The District will provide full premiums towards the purchase of a long-term disability plan. The plan will have the following specifications: 60-day (2 months) waiting period; ninety percent (90%) of salary to a maximum of \$6,750 per month for the first six months; seventy percent (70%) of salary to a maximum of \$5,250 per month for the next 6 months, thereafter as per the Lifestyle LTS Benefit. The LTD carrier shall be selected by the District.

14. The Board reserves the right to change the identity of the insurance carrier, policyholder, or third-party administrator for any of the above coverage(s), provided that comparable coverage (as determined by the Board) is maintained during the term of this Contract. The Board shall not be required to remit premiums for any insurance coverage(s) for the Superintendent and/or her eligible dependents if enrollment or coverage(s) denied by the insurance underwriter, policyholder, or third-party administrator.

The terms of any contract or policy issued by any insurance company or third-party administrator shall be controlling as to all matters pertaining to benefits, eligibility, coverage, termination of service, and other related matters. The Superintendent is responsible for assuring completion of all forms and documents needed to receive the above-described insurance coverage(s). The Board, by payment of the premium amounts for which it is

obligated under this Contract shall be relieved from all liability for insurance benefits.

15. The Superintendent shall be credited with the number of sick days that she currently has. Sick leave shall be credited at fifteen (15) days per year, pro-rated based on date of hire and /or departure, with unlimited accumulation. The Superintendent may utilize up to four (4) sick days per fiscal year for personal business.

Sick leave may also be used for personal illness or disability of the Superintendent, as well for serious illness or medical care of the Superintendent's spouse, dependent, or immediate family (as defined below) who resides with the Superintendent.

Up to five (5) days per occurrence of sick leave may be used for a death in the Superintendent's immediate family. For purposes of this paragraph, the terms "immediate family" shall include: mother; father; spouse; brother; sister; brother-in-law; sister-in-law; son; daughter; son-in-law; daughter-in-law; mother-in-law; father-in-law; grandparent and grandchild.

Upon retirement from employment of the WCS, the Superintendent will receive a severance payment of a per diem reimbursement of her accumulated sick days not to exceed a cash value of \$4,000.00. In addition the Superintendent who has the equivalent of ten years of service with WCS will receive a lump sum payment of one hundred (100.00) dollars per year of service (\$3,000.00) maximum no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled pay period after the month that retirement becomes effective. This shall not apply in the event of termination during the term of this Contract pursuant to paragraph 8 or to nonrenewal of this Contract for minimally effective or ineffective performance. A payment of up to 20 accumulated vacation days shall be made in the year which the Administrator terminates employment.

16. Any expense to be incurred by the Superintendent for travel outside the boundaries of the Ingham Intermediate School District, other than mileage or every day expenses, shall be submitted in advance for the review and approval by the Board. The Superintendent shall be required to present an itemized account of her reasonable and necessary expenses in accordance with the direction of the Board.
17. The Board encourages the Superintendent to establish and maintain her residence within the Boundaries of the Waverly Community Schools.
18. Subject to express approval by the Board, the fees or dues for the Superintendent's membership in an appropriate professional organization(s) shall be paid by the Board.

19. The Superintendent is entitled to the following holidays for which no service to the District is required

New Year's Eve  
New Year's Day  
President's Day (when School is not in session)  
Good Friday (only if students are not in attendance on Good Friday)  
Memorial day  
Independence Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Day after Thanksgiving  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
Day after Christmas

20. The Board agrees to pay the premium amount for errors and omissions insurance coverage for the Superintendent while engaged in the performance of a governmental function and while acting within the scope of her authority. The District's policy limits for this coverage shall be to the extent provided in the District's errors and omissions and umbrella policies. The terms of the errors and omissions and umbrella insurance policies shall control the Superintendent's defense and indemnity.

The Board's sole obligation shall be limited to the payment of premium amounts for the above errors and omissions coverage. In the event that such insurance coverage(s) cannot be purchased at a reasonable premium rate, the Board shall have the right to discontinue said coverage and shall so notify the Superintendent. In that event, the Board agrees on a case-by-case basis to consider providing legal defense and/or indemnification to the Superintendent as is authorized under MCL 691.1408 and MCL 380.11a (3) (d).

21. This Contract the entire agreement and understanding by and between the Board and its Superintendent with respect to employment of the Superintendent. Representations, promises, contracts, or understandings (written or oral) not contained in this Contract shall have no force or effect. All prior agreements (written or oral) pertaining to, connected with, or arising in any manner out of the employment or selection of the Superintendent by the Board are hereby terminated and shall have no force or effect.

No amendment to or modification of this Contract shall be valid or binding unless it is in writing, approved by official action of the Board of Education as reflected in its minutes, and signed by the Superintendent and the President and Vice-President of the Board. No valid waiver of any provision

of this Contract, at any time, shall be deemed a waiver of any other provision of this Contract at any time.

22. If any provision of this Contract becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void, this Contract shall continue in full force and effect without said provision(s).
23. The Superintendent agrees that any claim or suit, filed by the Superintendent arising out of his employment with the Board must be filed no more than six (6) months after the date of the employment action that is the subject of the claim or suit. The Superintendent understands that the statute of limitations for claims arising out of an employment may be longer than six (6) months, but agrees to be bound by the six (6) month period of limitation established herein, and waive(s) any statute of limitations to the contrary.

Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this provision allows an unreasonably short period of time to commence a suit, it is the intent of the parties that the courts enforce this provision to the extent possible and declare the suit barred unless it was brought within the minimum reasonable time within which this suit should have been commenced.

24. This Contract is executed on behalf of the Waverly Community Schools pursuant to the authority granted by resolution of the Board.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Contract to be executed on the day and year written below.

Dated: 2/26/18

Kelly A Blake  
Kelly A Blake  
Superintendent of Schools



Dated: 2/26/2018

Britt Slocum, President  
Waverly Community Schools  
Board of Education

Dated: 2/26/18

Angela Witwer  
Angela Witwer, Vice-President  
Waverly Community Schools  
Board of Education