

RAVENNA PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT

2015-2016

This agreement is made and entered into this 12th day of January, 2015, by and between the Board of Education of the School District #69 of Ravenna in the County of Buffalo, in the State of Nebraska (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and Ravenna Education Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association").

General Purpose

The Ravenna Board of Education and the Ravenna Education Association recognize that the development of a quality educational program for the children attending the Public Schools of Ravenna is a joint responsibility which can best be achieved by agreement that all parties work toward common goals. The public officials and the Association enter into this agreement with mutual dedication, recognizing that the experience, creativity and judgment of all parties are necessary to reach the education needs of the community.

ARTICLE I

Recognition

The Board recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole collective negotiating representative for all teachers employed by the District.

Teacher shall mean all certified teaching personnel and other professional personnel employed by the District, but excluding Superintendent, Senior High Principal, and Elementary Principal.

ARTICLE II

Association Rights

Payroll Deduction of Dues

The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of the teachers and guidance counselor dues for the Association as well as for the Nebraska State Education Association and the National Education Association. The Board further agrees to remit such monies to the treasurer of the Association. Teacher authorizations will be in writing in the form set forth in Appendix A.

premium payments as in the past, the Section 125 Plan will be expanded to also allow pre-tax opportunities for non-reimbursed medical/dental/vision care expenses plus child care expenses.

B. Disability

The board shall make available for the employee to purchase through payroll deduction group long term disability insurance. Benefits shall be payable upon the thirtieth (30) calendar day of disability at sixty (60%) percent of annual contractual salary. Benefit payments shall continue to age sixty-five (65) or until termination of disability whichever occurs first.

C. Loss of Life

The Board shall provide \$40,000.00 group term Life Insurance for each teacher.

ARTICLE V

Teacher Employment

PLACEMENT OF SALARY SCHEDULE

1. A valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate.
2. New teachers hired to the school system will be allowed a maximum of five steps on the schedule on the basis of past experience in state approved or fully accredited schools or at the discretion of the superintendent, the school will allow up to eight steps on the salary schedule on the basis of past experience.
3. The Superintendent shall determine the teaching field to which a teacher is assigned and will place him/her on the proper step of the schedule.
4. Academic hours beyond the Bachelors Degree will be recognized for salary increases provided the hours are accumulated in a graduate program of an accredited University or College and provided the hours are related to an area of teaching and not necessarily the area in which the teacher is employed. Academic hours in undergraduate level courses taken after receiving the Bachelors Degree will receive the same increase in salary as those on the graduate level providing those hours are approved by the Board.
5. To receive credit in horizontal steps beyond BA+9 step in the salary schedule for teachers, the teacher must show that the additional hours would lead to a Masters Degree. This can be shown by presenting a copy of an Official Program of Study supplied by the University or College. An outline of courses as described in a college bulletin will be sufficient. Additional hours earned during summer school, off-campus or night classes will be recognized only if complete transcripts are filed in the school administrative office by September 15, of the contract year. No salary shall be paid to a teacher until this is done. It is the responsibility of the head administration of the school system to see that all hours of credit are coded accurately.