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PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENT

Between

SUFFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

and

SUFFIELD EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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THIS AGREEMENT IS MADE AND ENTERED INTO on this 29th day of April, 1977, by and between the Suffield Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the Suffield Education Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), affiliated with the Connecticut Education Association and the National Education Association.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association recognize and declare that providing a quality education for the children of Suffield, Connecticut is their primary mutual aim and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the Board has a statutory obligation pursuant to §10-153a-g inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, to negotiate with the Association as the exclusive representative of its teaching and special service personnel with respect to salaries and other conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached certain understandings which they desire to confirm in this Agreement.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

PREAMBLE

- A. This Agreement is negotiated under §10-153a through §10-153g of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, in order to fix for its term the salaries and all other conditions of employment provided herein.
- B. This Agreement shall constitute the policy of the Board and the Association in the subject areas covered by the Agreement for the duration of the Agreement unless changed by the mutual consent of both parties. Such mutually consented change shall be in writing and in accordance with the consultation procedure provided herein. Previously adopted policies, rules or regulations in conflict with this Agreement are superseded by this Agreement.

ARTICLE II

RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Suffield Education Association as the exclusive representative of the certified professional employees who are employed by the Suffield Board of Education in positions requiring a teaching or special services certificate and are not included in the administrators' unit or excluded from the purview of the act. The Association was designated as the exclusive representative of the certified professional employees pursuant to a designation petition certified by the Suffield Board of Education, February 17, 1971.
- B. The Board agrees that it will not negotiate with any individual or organization of teachers, other than the Suffield Education Association as long as said Association retains organizational recognition status.
- C. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Association recognizes that the Board and the Superintendent of Schools reserve and retain full rights, authority and discretion, in the proper discharge of their duties and responsibilities, to control, supervise and manage the schools and its professional staff under governing law, ordinances, rules and regulations.

ARTICLE III

DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meaning as set forth below:

- 1. "Board" - the Board of Education of the Town of Suffield, Connecticut.
- 2. "Superintendent" - the Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Suffield, Connecticut or his designee.
- 3. "Association" - the Suffield Education Association.
- 4. "Teacher" - all personnel as defined in Article II, Recognition.
- 5. "Association Representative" - the duly designated representative of the Suffield Education Association in each school building.
- 6. "PR&R" - the Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee of the Suffield Education Association.

7. "Preparation Period" - preparation periods are those periods in which the teacher is involved in the preparation of classroom materials and plans.

ARTICLE IV

PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATION

- A. The Board and the Association agree to negotiate in good faith pursuant to §10-153d of the Connecticut General Statutes as amended, in accordance with the procedure set forth therein, to secure a Successor Agreement relative to all matters concerning salaries and all other conditions of employment. The Agreement so negotiated shall be reduced to writing and be signed by the Board and the Association.
- B. The Board shall provide the Association with the proposed Board of Education budget as soon as it becomes available to the full Board.

ARTICLE V

CONSULTATION PROCEDURE

- A. Circumstances may arise making it seem desirable to alter or amend this Agreement. If informal discussions of desired changes as requested by either party do not result in such changes being presented for action at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and/or the Association, then the party desiring change may notify the other party in writing of the desired change, under the signature of their designated officer to the designated officer of the other party. Such notice shall be acknowledged within five (5) days, and a meeting of duly authorized representatives of the Board and the Association shall be held to discuss the change within fifteen (15) days of acknowledgment. Those representatives shall bring the matter, and report of their conclusions, to the next regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and the Association for action.

- B. If the Board and the Association agree to the amendment or alteration of this Agreement, such amendments or alterations shall be in writing, executed by the chairman of the Board and the president of the Association, appended to this Agreement and made a part thereof, subject to the provisions of §10-153d of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.
- C. If both parties do not agree to amendment or alteration of this Agreement, after the completion of the process outlined in paragraph A. above, this contract shall remain in effect as written.

ARTICLE VI

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Definitions

1. "Grievance" shall be defined as a complaint by a teacher or group of teachers that as to him, her or them, there has been a misapplication, misinterpretation, or violation of a specific term or terms of this Agreement, to the detriment of the teacher or teachers.
2. "Teacher" shall mean any member of the unit as defined in Article II, "Recognition".
3. "Party in interest" shall mean the person or persons making the claim, and their designated representative as provided herein, and the Board of Education of Suffield.
4. "Days" shall mean days when school is in session, except after May 1st when days shall be calendar days, so that the matter may be resolved before the end of the school term or as soon as possible thereafter.
5. "AAA" shall mean the American Arbitration Association.
6. "File" shall mean the teacher shall present the written grievance to the appropriate administrator or his designee in person. The grievance shall be dated and initialed by both the administrator and the grievant when received.

7. "Render" shall mean the appropriate administrator or his designee shall present the written decision to the teacher in person. The decision shall be dated and initialed by both the administrator and the grievant when received.

Time Limits

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each step shall be considered as a maximum. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by written agreement of the parties in interest.
2. If a teacher does not file a grievance in writing within twenty (20) days after he/she knew or should have known of the act or conditions on which the grievance is based then the grievance shall be considered to have been waived. For grievances which arise during the summer recess, the twenty (20) days shall run from the first day of school in the fall.
3. Failure by the aggrieved teacher at any level to appeal a grievance to the next level within the specified time limits shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at that level.
4. Failure by any administrator or Board to render his/her decision within the specified time limits shall allow the aggrieved to pursue the grievance to the next level.

Informal Procedure

1. If a teacher feels that he/she may have a grievance, he/she shall first discuss the matter with his principal or other appropriate administrator in an effort to resolve the problem informally.
2. If the teacher is not satisfied with such disposition of the matter, he/she shall have the right to have the Association assist him in further efforts to resolve the problem informally with the principal or other appropriate administrator.

Formal Procedure

1. Level One - Principal
 - (a) If the teacher is not satisfied with the disposition of the matter in the informal procedure, he/she may file his written grievance with the principal.

- (b) The principal shall, within five (5) days from the filing of the grievance, render a written answer, with a copy to the president of the Association.

2. Level Two - Superintendent of Schools

- (a) If the aggrieved teacher is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Level One, he/she may, within three (3) days after receipt of the decision file his written grievance with the Superintendent of Schools.
- (b) The Superintendent shall, within five (5) days after receipt of the grievance, meet with the aggrieved teacher and with the representatives of the Association, if the teacher so desires, for the purpose of resolving the grievance. A full and accurate record of such meeting shall be kept by the Superintendent and made available to any party in interest upon written request.
- (c) The Superintendent shall, within three (3) days after the hearing, render his decision and the reason thereof in writing to the aggrieved teacher, with a copy to the President of the Association.

3. Level Three - Board of Education

- (a) If the aggrieved teacher is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Level Two, he/she may, within five (5) days after receipt of the decision, file the grievance with the Board of Education.
- (b) The Board of Education shall, within ten (10) days after receipt of the grievance, meet with the aggrieved teacher and with representatives of the Association for the purpose of resolving the grievance. A full and accurate record of such hearing shall be kept by the Board of Education and made available to any party in interest upon written notice.

- (c) The Board shall, within ten (10) days after such hearing, render its decision and the reasons thereof in writing to the aggrieved teacher, with a copy to the President of the Association.

4. Level Four - Arbitration

- (a) If the aggrieved teacher is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Level Three, he may, within three (3) days after the decision, request in writing to the President of the Association that his grievance be submitted to arbitration.
- (b) The Association may, within five (5) days after receipt of such request, submit the grievance to arbitration by so notifying the Board in writing, and by filing a demand for arbitration under the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules of the AAA. The AAA shall act as the administrator of the proceedings.
- (c) The arbitrator selected shall confer promptly with the representatives of the Board and the Association, shall review the record of prior hearings, and shall hold such further hearings with the parties in interest as he shall deem requisite.
- (d) The arbitrator shall be bound by the Voluntary Labor Arbitration Rules. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon all parties in interest.
- (e) The costs of the services of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association.

RIGHTS OF TEACHERS TO REPRESENTATION

- 1. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party or by any member of the administration against any participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

2. Any party in interest may be represented at any level of the formal procedure of the grievance procedure by a person of his own choosing, except that he may not be represented by a representative or by an officer of any teacher organization other than the Association. When a teacher is not represented by the Association, the Association shall immediately be notified, and have the right to be present and to state its views at all stages of the procedure.
3. In the event that the Association shall not have elected to submit a grievance to arbitration, the aggrieved teacher may submit his grievance to arbitration independently by following the procedures outlined above in lieu of the Association, provided, however, that in such case the costs for the services of the arbitrator shall be borne by the aggrieved teacher and the Board.
4. The Association may, if it so desires, call upon the professional services of the Connecticut Education Association for consultation and assistance at any stage of the procedure.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed separately from the personnel files of the participants.
2. Forms for filing and processing grievances and other necessary documents, shall be prepared by the Association and approved by the Superintendent and made available through the Association.
3. If the grievance occurs as a result of an action of other than the teacher's immediate superior or affects a group or class of teachers, the grievance may be processed immediately at the level at which it occurs.

ARTICLE VII

CONTRACTS

- A. The Board agrees to use the forms for the written contract of employment of each individual certificated professional employee the Teacher's Initial Contract (white), the Teacher's Long Term Contract (green) and the Teacher's Annual Salary

2. Degree status as defined under "Degree Definitions" Article.
3. Full credit may be granted on the prevailing salary schedule for prior teaching experience up to a normal limit of two steps below the stated maximum. The extent to which credit shall be granted shall be determined by the Board of Education. The Board of Education may consider granting credit for prior experience beyond the approved limit of thirteen (13) years upon specific recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
4. As of September 1, 1976, there shall be no military service credit except that all those teachers receiving military credit on that date shall continue to receive such credit at the rate then in effect.
5. Any teacher receiving a change in degree status will be placed on the appropriate salary beginning with the next paycheck provided that the teacher has given notification to the Superintendent one (1) year prior to the proposed change.

ARTICLE XII

INSURANCE BENEFITS

- A. The Board shall provide, at its expense, for each teacher:
 1. Continuation of present coverage and rate of contribution and basis for contribution now in effect.
 2. Effective July 1, 1977, raise the basis for the Board's present 80% family coverage and 100% of the individual coverage to the rate in effect as of November 1, 1976. Put in an additional \$5,000 life insurance coverage including double indemnity for each teacher.
 3. Effective January 1, 1978, raise the basis for the Board's aforementioned 80% and 100% contributions to rates then in effect on said date.
 4. Effective January 1, 1979, raise the basis for the Board's aforementioned 80% and 100% contributions to 80% and 100% of rates then in effect on said date.

Having successfully performed his contract obligations to the school system, a teacher who resigns to take a new position is entitled to appropriate benefits through August 31 of the final year of employment.

The Board shall allow continuation of all existing health-care insurance for any teacher upon retirement at no cost to the Board of Education. Such coverage shall be equal to the terms in the current master agreement between the Board and the Association. It is understood that if a retiring teacher wishes to continue in the insurance plan all payments must be made by the teacher at the appropriate time.

ARTICLE XIII

SERVICE INCREMENT

In recognition of length and quality of service rendered to the Suffield Public Schools, the Board of Education will, upon recommendation of the Superintendent:

- (a) Pay \$175.00 in addition to regular salary to teachers who have served twenty or more years under contract in the Suffield Public Schools.
- (b) Pay \$275.00 in addition to regular salary to teachers who have served twenty-five years under contract in the Suffield Public Schools.

Upon filing an application, said longevity stipends shall be granted annually unless withheld for cause. The Board shall provide a written statement of reasons in case a stipend is withheld from a teacher in a given year, together with suggestions for improvement leading to the reinstatement of the stipend in subsequent years. Withholding of such stipends shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent and at the discretion of the Board, exceptions may be made for persons whose cumulative service is not all in the Suffield Public Schools.

ARTICLE XIV

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

- A. In addition to those payroll deductions required by law, the following agencies are eligible for payroll deductions. All

requests for deductions must be in writing on approved authorization forms.

B. The list of approved deductions is as follows:

1. Life Insurance
2. Washington National Insurance
3. National Education Association
4. Connecticut Education Association
5. Suffield Education Association
6. Tax Sheltered Annuity Plans
7. Credit Union
8. Massachusetts State Income Tax

C. Dues Deductions

1. The Association shall, no later than October 1st of each year, give written notice to the Business Office of the amount of its dues and those of the CEA and NEA, which are to be deducted in that school year under such authorization.
2. The balance of the annual dues shall be deducted from the final paycheck of any employee resigning his position, receiving a leave of absence or terminating his employment after the opening of school.
3. The right to refund to employees monies deducted from their salaries as under such authorization shall lie solely with the Association. The Association agrees to reimburse any employee for the amount of any dues deducted by the Board and paid to the Association, which deduction is by error in excess of the proper deduction, and agrees to hold the Board harmless from any claims of excessive deduction.
4. The Association shall indemnify and save the Board and/or the town harmless against all claims, demands, suits, judgments or other forms of liability which may arise by reason of any action taken in making deductions and remitting the same to the Association pursuant to this Article.

ARTICLE XV

PROTECTION OF TEACHERS

The Board of Education agrees to save teachers harmless in accordance with §§10-235(a) and 10-236a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

ARTICLE XVI

PROCEDURE FOR SEPARATION AND RECALL

A. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.

It is recognized that under §§10-220 and 10-4a of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Education has the responsibility to maintain good public elementary and secondary schools, and to implement the educational interests of the state. However, recognizing also that it may become necessary to eliminate professional staff positions in certain circumstances, this policy is adopted to provide a fair and orderly process should such eliminations become necessary.

B. REASONS FOR ELIMINATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF POSITIONS.

It is recognized that the Board of Education has the sole and exclusive prerogative to eliminate professional staff positions, consistent with the provisions of the State Statute. Elimination of professional staff positions may result from decreases in student enrollment, changes in curriculum, severe financial conditions, or other circumstances as determined by the Board of Education. Other circumstances shall be defined by the Board ninety days prior to intended use and inserted in this policy.

C. DEFINITIONS.

- (a) As used herein, the term "days" shall mean calendar days.
- (b) As used herein, the term "teacher" shall apply to any employee covered by this contract.

D. PROCEDURE.

- (a) Before considering reduction in professional staff the Board will consider reduction in the following area: instructional para-professionals.

- (b) The Board of Education may, in the first instance, exercise its right and power to reduce the number of staff positions without determining which teacher contracts will be terminated, if any, or what other staffing changes will be made to effectuate the purpose of position elimination.
- (c) Prior to commencing action to terminate teacher contracts under this procedure, the Board of Education will give due consideration to its ability to effectuate position eliminations and/or reduction in staff by:
- (1) voluntary retirements;
 - (2) voluntary resignation;
 - (3) transfer of existing staff members
 - (4) voluntary leaves of absence.
- (d) In the event that it appears necessary to terminate teacher contracts in order to effectuate the elimination of professional staff positions, the Superintendent will propose to the Board, for its consideration, an orderly plan for elimination of positions, identifying professional personnel whose contracts he recommends for termination. If the Board of Education considers termination of the contract of a teacher, it shall authorize the Superintendent to notify the teacher, in writing, that the termination of his or her contract is under consideration. Such initial notice shall be in the following form: "This is to notify you that termination of your contract of employment is under consideration. This notification, and any subsequent proceedings with regard to contract termination, will be in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Connecticut Teacher Fair Dismissal Law (§10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes).
- (e) The following criteria will be used to select those employees whose contracts are to be considered for termination as a consequence of elimination of professional staff positions:

(1) **Tenure status:** If a teacher has attained tenure status, his/her contract of employment may be terminated if his/her position is eliminated, but only if there is no other position available in the school system for which the teacher is certified and qualified. Therefore teachers who have acquired tenure will have first preference for retention in positions for which they are certified and qualified. This shall include first preference with regard to positions that are held by non-tenure teachers, in addition to positions which are open and available.

(2) **Other criteria for determining which teacher (s) shall remain:** Within the separate categories of tenure teachers and non-tenure teachers, the following criteria will be used in the order listed.

- (a) areas of certification;
- (b) total years of experience in the Suffield school system;
- (c) total years of experience in teaching;
- (d) teaching experience in other positions which may be available;
- (e) qualifications and ability as determined by a written evaluation of the teachers performance as well as consideration of degree status.

E. POLICY PROVISIONS NOT APPLICABLE TO PROMOTIONS.

Nothing herein shall require the promotions of a teacher to a position of higher rank, authority, or compensation, although the teacher whose contract is to be terminated because of elimination of position is qualified and/or certified for the promotional position.

F. RECALL PROCEDURE.

If the contract of employment of a teacher is terminated because of elimination of positions, the name of the teacher shall be placed on a reappointment list and remain on such list for two subsequent Septembers unless such teacher obtains employment as a public school teacher in another district during that period. If a position becomes open during such period, and the teacher has been selected by the Board of Education as the person on the recall list who is certified and most qualified to hold that position, then the teacher will be notified in writing by registered mail, sent to his last known address, at least thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated date of re-employment. In determining whether a teacher is qualified for reappointment, the Board of Education shall consider the criteria as set forth in Part IV, (e) (2). The teacher shall accept or reject the appointment in writing within fifteen (15) days of date of letter registration. If the appointment is accepted, the teacher shall receive a written contract within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the teacher's reply by the Board of Education. If the teacher rejects the appointment offer, or does not respond according to this procedure within fifteen (15) days, then the name of the teacher will be removed from the recall list.

G. REDUCTION FROM FULL TO PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT.

Subject to all preceding section of this policy and of Section 10-151 of the Connecticut General Statutes, a full-time teacher whose position is to be reduced to a part-time position shall receive two separate letters as follows:

- (a) Notification of elimination of the position.
- (b) Offer of a part-time position

This Article XVI (layoff and Recall) shall be subject to advisory and not binding arbitration.

ARTICLE XVII

CLASS SIZE

The size of given classes or the numbers of pupils met by individual teachers will vary according to educational objectives, physical limitations, safety factors and staffing patterns. The Board wishes to maintain class sizes and teacher load which reflect both educational goals and the community's willingness to support recommended educational practices.

In all instructional settings factors such as staff competency, adult: pupil ratio and educational goals shall influence Board and administrative decisions pertaining to class size. The following, while not absolute limitations, are considered by the Board to be firm guidelines:

- Kindergarten - No less than 20, no more than 30 - NOT AVERAGED
- Grades 1-5 - No less than 20, no more than 30 - AVERAGED FOR EACH GRADE LEVEL FOR EACH SCHOOL
- Grades 6-8 - Academic Subjects (English, math, science, social studies, reading) - No less than 20, no more than 30 - AVERAGED FOR EACH ACADEMIC AREA FOR EACH GRADE
 - Industrial arts, Home economics - No less than 10, no more than 20 - NOT AVERAGED
 - Physical Education - Maximum of 30 students per instruction - AVERAGED
 - Foreign Language and Music - No less than 20, no more than 30 - AVERAGED
 - Slow Learner Classes - No less than 10, no more than 20 - NOT AVERAGED
- Grades 9-12 - Regular Classes - no less than 20, no more than 35, NOT AVERAGED (ROOM SIZE A FACTOR)
 - Advanced Specialties (3rd & 4th year language, 2nd bookkeeping, advanced mathematics, steno, data processing, etc.) - Not less than 10, not more than 30 - NOT AVERAGED (ROOM SIZE A FACTOR)
 - Slow Learner and Special Education (Phase I English, Special Education, etc.) - No less than 10, no more than 18 - NOT AVERAGED
 - Laboratory - No less than 10, no more than 24, NOT AVERAGED
 - Shops - No less than 10, no more than 20, NOT AVERAGED
 - Physical Education - Maximum of 30 students per instructor, AVERAGED.

ARTICLE XVIII

EMPLOYMENT YEAR

A. Teacher Employment Year

The scheduled employment year for teachers shall be the same as the student year plus one day prior to the opening of school for students and one day after the closing of school for students, except when the closing of school occurs on a Friday, in which case teachers shall not be required to fulfill the obligation of a day after the closing of school for students provided all required duties are completed. Newly hired teachers may be required to attend orientation sessions prior to the opening of school beyond the one day noted above. Teachers shall be paid 1/181 of their basic salary for all classroom days beyond 180 days.

B. Payment for Non-Classroom Services Beyond the Employment Year

1. Vocational-Agriculture teachers. Notwithstanding Section A of this Article, Vo-Ag teachers required to work a 12 month year shall be paid on a ratio of 1.225 times their appropriate rate on the salary schedule.
2. Guidance Counselors. Notwithstanding Section A of this Article, Guidance personnel may volunteer their services prior to the opening of school and after the close of school. The Board is not obligated to accept such voluntary services. For these services the remuneration shall be as follows:

Chairperson.....\$11.00 per hour
Guidance Counselors..... 9.00 per hour

3. Other non-classroom service. Any other non-classroom services requested of members of the bargaining unit beyond the employment year shall be voluntary, and shall be paid at no less than \$7.00 per hour.

ARTICLE XIX

WORK DAY

- A. Teachers shall be required to report 20 minutes before the start of the school day and shall be required to remain 20 minutes after the close of the school day except for after school meetings and regularly scheduled activities.

- B. Any faculty meeting of teachers, scheduled by the Principal or Department Chairperson or the Superintendent, after regular school hours, may be required of all teachers. Any such meeting after regular school hours, unless of extraordinary nature, will not be held more than once per week. Meetings shall not be more than 60 minutes, except in extraordinary circumstances.
- C. This provision does not apply to released time.
- D. Attendance at evening meetings may be necessary to fulfill professional obligations.
- E. Teachers are expected to attend Parent Conferences and Parent night programs.

ARTICLE XX

TEACHING PERIODS

It is agreed that the Board of Education will exercise due diligence to achieve the realization of the following standards, with a minimum of reasonable, necessary exceptions:

- A. Secondary school teachers shall not be required to teach more than twenty-five teaching periods per week.
- B. Secondary school teachers shall not be required to teach more than two subject areas in any school term.
- C. Secondary school teachers shall not be required to have more than three teaching preparations in any school day.
- D. A mutually agreed upon exception to the above shall be applied to the group of teachers involved in the proposed reading enrichment program at the McAlister Middle School.
- E. A teaching period shall be defined as a period in which a teacher is actively involved with students in the art of teaching and for which he/she has participated in the preparing, implementing and/or evaluating student learning. Ordinarily a teaching period can be identified as that period of time between regularly scheduled bells.

It is understood that the double period known as a normal lab session will be considered to be a single teaching period for the purposes of this contract.

ARTICLE XXI

PREPARATION PERIODS

It is agreed that the Board of Education will exercise due diligence to achieve the realization of the following standards, with a minimum of reasonable necessary exceptions:

1. A minimum of 1 hour preparation time per week.
2. Preservation of the number of preparation periods for each teacher which such teacher was afforded during the 1976-77 school year.
3. All teachers shall be entitled to leave the school during the preparation period, upon the signing of the "sign in/sign out" sheet, unless requested to remain in the building by the principal. The principal shall give a reason for the restriction should the teacher request one.
4. Teachers engaged in scheduled team preparation periods shall attend these sessions.

ARTICLE XXII

DUTY FREE LUNCH

- A. All teachers shall have an uninterrupted duty-free lunch period daily. For elementary teachers the lunch period shall include the time when children are at lunch and noon recess, except when elementary teachers are assigned to noon recess or lunch duty. Such assignment shall be made on an equitable basis.
- B. All teachers shall be entitled to leave the school during the duty free periods set forth in the preceding paragraph, upon the signing of a "sign in/out" sheet, unless requested to remain in the building by the principal. The principal shall give a reason for the restriction should the teacher request one.

ARTICLE XXIII

SPECIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Homebound tutors in the bargaining unit shall be paid at the rate of \$7.00 per hour of instruction time.

ARTICLE XXIV

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Whenever a teacher is required to attend a hearing after regular school hours in accordance with Public Act 75-609, the teacher will be compensated for such time at the rate of \$7.00 per hour

ARTICLE XXV

STUDENT-MASTER TEACHER

Each teacher shall have the right to accept or reject a student teacher or student observer.

ARTICLE XXVI

TEACHER FACILITIES

Parking spaces will be provided for teachers at each school.

ARTICLE XXVII

PERSONNEL FILES

- A. No evaluations or written statements of criticism originating after initial employment shall be placed in a teacher's personnel file for more than thirty (30) days unless the teacher has been notified and has had an opportunity to review such material. The teacher may submit a written notation regarding any material, and the same shall be attached to the file copy of the material in question. If the teacher is asked to sign material placed in his file, such signature shall be understood to indicate her/his awareness of the material, but in no instance shall said signature be interpreted to mean agreement with the content of the material.
- B. No anonymous and/or unsubstantiated complaints may be placed in any teacher's personnel file.
- C. Each teacher shall have the right to review and make copies of any materials in the teacher's personnel file upon reasonable notice during the hours which the Board's office is open.

ARTICLE XXVIII

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A. The private and personal life of a teacher is not within the appropriate concern or attention of the Board of Education except as it may interfere with the teacher's responsibilities to and relationships with students and/or the school system.

- B. Teachers will be entitled to full rights of citizenship, and no religious or political activities of any teacher (provided such activities do not take place during his working hours) or the lack thereof will be grounds for any discipline or discrimination with respect to the professional employment of such teacher.

ARTICLE XXIX

SICK LEAVE AND PERSONAL LEAVE DAY

- A. Teachers shall be entitled to sick leave with full pay up to fifteen (15) working days in each year. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year, so long as the teacher remains continuously in the service of the Board up to a maximum of one hundred fifty (150) days.

A total of eight (8) days of personal leave per year shall be granted to teachers for the following reasons:

- 1) Legal matters, e.g., subpoenas, required attendance at real estate closings; and necessary court appearances;
 - 2) For marriage (of self, children, parent, siblings and siblings of spouse);
 - 3) Graduation of self, children or spouse;
 - 4) Religious holidays;
 - 5) Severe illness in the immediate family (defined to include mother, father, siblings, children, mother-in-law, father-in-law and spouse, and members of the household);
 - 6) Death in the immediate family as defined above;
 - 7) Other reasons of a personal or emergency nature, which make absence from school unavoidable and necessary, subject to the approval of the Building Principal. Leave under this item shall be limited to three (3) days per year.
- B. Such personal leave shall not accumulate from year to year except that leave under item 5) above (severe illness in the immediate family) shall accumulate from year to year to a maximum of fifteen (15) days.

- C. Application for such leave shall be made as far in advance as practicable and except for emergencies, shall be made at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of the leave. Such leave shall be granted except in cases of extreme hardship or disability to the School System
- D. Applicants shall be required to state the category under which they are taking such leave.
- E. For approved leaves of absence other than those covered by this Article or any other Article of this Agreement, the rate of deduction shall be 1/181st of the year's basic salary.

ARTICLE XXX

JURY DUTY

Any teacher who is called for jury duty shall receive the necessary leave to fulfill this legal obligation. This leave shall not be deducted from sick leave or from personal days. The staff member shall receive a rate of pay equal to difference between the professional salary and the jury fee.

ARTICLE XXXI

SABBATICAL LEAVE

- A. For teachers employed in the Suffield Public Schools for a minimum of six (6) consecutive years, the Board of Education will consider application for a sabbatical year leave to be devoted to professional improvement as detailed in a planned program of study, of combined travel and study, of research, of writing and publication, designed to increase the profession competency, knowledge, stature of the teacher, and to reflect credit upon the System.
- B. The Board of Education agrees to continuance of contract on a sabbatical basis including maintenance of position and placement on salary schedule.
- C. The Board of Education agrees to pay a sabbatical leave stipend based upon 50% of due salary, full benefits and contributions toward C.S.T.R. as detailed in regulations.
- D. The teacher participating in sabbatical leave under this policy shall contract to the Suffield Public School for a minimum of three years. Release from obligations prior to expiration of three year period shall be according to detailed regulations.

- E. No more than two sabbatical leave applications will be approved in any one school year.
- F. Application: Application for sabbatical leave shall be made by December 1 of the prior school year. Detailed plans for the sabbatical must be submitted by March 1 of the prior school year.
- G. Salary: Sabbatical grantees shall receive a stipend of 50% of the salary to which the grantee is entitled during the year of sabbatical leave.
- H. Benefits: Sabbatical grantees shall receive the benefits to which they would be entitled if they were actively teaching.
- I. Retirement: By law, six (6%) percent of the sabbatical stipend shall be deducted for retirement purposes. Teachers may claim a full year toward retirement according to State Retirement Board regulations by paying a total of six (6%) percent of the full salary which would have been earned during the sabbatical year. The Suffield Board assists teachers in making this payment by a direct payment to the teacher of six (6%) percent of the fifty (50%) percent of annual salary which is not granted as a stipend. This is a one time direct payment by June of the sabbatical year.
- J. Selection: Award of sabbatical leave is at the discretion of the Board of Education. Its decision shall be final. Criteria including, but not limited to the following shall be used by the Board in its consideration of applications: Sabbatical year plan, needs of the school system, the applicant's past and potential contribution to the school system, and budget considerations.
- K. Obligations:
 - (a) Grantees shall contract for three years services to the Suffield Public Schools immediately following the sabbatical year.
 - (b) Grantees may be released from their required three years upon approval of the Board of Education by reimbursing the Town of Suffield 1/3 of the stipend for each released year.
 - (c) Reimbursement shall be in full by December 31 of the first released year.

ARTICLE XXXII

EXCHANGE TEACHERS LEAVE

- A. In any year teachers may be exchanged for teachers from some other school district in the United States or in a foreign country. Such exchange shall be initially applied for by the teacher and recommended by the Superintendent to the Board of Education, which shall recommend final action. All rights and privileges of the exchanged teacher shall continue in full force and effect during the exchange period.

ARTICLE XXXIII

PREGNANCY DISABILITY LEAVE

- A. The Board and the Association recognize that teachers are entitled to leaves for maternity-related disabilities in accordance with §31-126 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

ARTICLE XXXIV

ASSOCIATION LEAVE

- A. A leave of absence may be granted for a period not to exceed two (2) school years for the purpose of serving as an officer of the CEA or NEA.
- B. Upon return from such leave, the teacher shall be placed at the same position on the salary schedule and entitled to sick leave and other benefits as they would enjoy had he/she been teaching in the Suffield School System.

ARTICLE XXXV

LEAVE FOR NEGOTIATION AND GRIEVANCE REPRESENTATION

- A. If negotiation meetings between the Board and the Association are scheduled during normal working hours of a school day, not more than two (2) representatives of the Association shall be relieved from all regular duties without loss of pay, as necessary, in order to permit their attendance at such meetings. When it is necessary, pursuant to the Grievance Procedure in Article VI of this Agreement for a school representative, member of the Committee on the PR&R or other representative designed by the Association to attend a grievance meeting or hearing during a school day, he shall,

upon notice to his Supervisor and/or Principal and to the Superintendent by the President of the Association, be released without loss of pay, as necessary, in order to permit participation in the foregoing activities, but this privilege shall be limited to one (1) Association Representative per grievance per day. Any teacher whose appearance in such meetings or hearings as a witness is necessary, shall be accorded the same rights.

ARTICLE XXXVI

CONFERENCE LEAVE

- A. The Superintendent may grant convention or conference leaves, or permission to observe an activity in another building or school system to teachers without loss of pay.
- B. The Board agrees to reimburse all teachers attending a convention or conference, or observing activities in another school system for all reasonable expenses.

ARTICLE XXXVII

GENERAL LEAVE

- A. A teacher may be allowed leave, without loss of salary, to begin programs of study which result from foundation or scholarship grants and which necessitate personal presence in advance of the close of the school year.

ARTICLE XXXVIII

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Teachers initially employed by the Board of Education shall receive their building grade and/or subject assignments from the Superintendent's office.
- B. Teachers already in the system shall receive notification of their programs for the ensuing school year prior to the close of the current school year.
- C. Teachers shall be notified in writing of any changes in their programs and schedules for the ensuing school year, including the schools to which they will be assigned, the grades and/or subjects that they will teach, and any special or unusual classes or assignments that they will have. In the event of change in circumstances or conditions from the close of

school through August (e.g., resignations, death, promotion, and leave of absence) such assignments may be changed only as required thereby, with prompt notice in writing to both the teacher and the Association.

- D. In the determination of assignments, the convenience and wishes of the teacher shall be honored to the extent that these considerations do not conflict with the instructional requirements and best interest of the school system and the pupils as determined solely by the Board of Education, with the advice of appropriate administrators.
- E. In arranging schedules for teachers who are assigned to more than one school, every reasonable effort shall be made to limit the amount of inter-school travel.

ARTICLE XXXIX

TEACHER TRANSFERS

Transfers shall be subject to the following rules:

- A. When a reduction in the number of teachers in a school is necessary, volunteers shall be transferred first. When all other things are equal, seniority in the system shall be considered in selecting a volunteer. When involuntary transfers are necessary, a teacher with the least seniority among those with substantially equal qualifications for the position shall be transferred first.
- B. An involuntary transfer shall be made only after a meeting between the teacher involved and the Superintendent or his designee, at which time the teacher shall be notified of the reasons for the transfer.
- C. A list of open positions in other schools in the system shall be made available to all teachers being transferred, and all other conditions being equal, preference shall be given in filling such position on the basis of length of service in the system.
- D. Teachers who desire to transfer to another building shall file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent not later than January 1 of each year. Such statement shall include the grade and/or subject to which the teacher desires to be assigned or schools (in order of preference, if the teacher has preferences) to which he desires to be transferred.

- E. Any grievances filed concerning the interpretation or application of this Article shall be subject to all contractual grievance procedures provided that any decision of an arbitrator shall only be advisory.

ARTICLE XI

PROMOTIONS

- A. Positions as used in this section, means any position which pays a salary differential and/or involves an additional or higher level of responsibility.
- B. Vacancies of positions which are caused by death, retirement, discharge, resignation, or by creation of a new position shall be filled pursuant to the following procedures:
1. The existence of vacancies of position shall be adequately publicized, both within and outside the system, including a notice in every school (by posting or otherwise) as far in advance of the date of filling such vacancy as possible (at least 30 days in advance of the date of filling such vacancy and in no event less than two weeks in advance). Where need to fill a vacancy of position arises during the summer months, notification shall be by mail to those who are qualified.
 2. Said notice of vacancy of position shall clearly set forth the qualifications for the position.
 3. Teachers who desire to apply for such vacancies of position shall file their application in writing with the Superintendent within the time limit specified in the notice.
 4. Such vacant positions shall be filled on the basis of qualification for the vacant position, provided however, that where two or more applicants from within the system are substantially equal in qualification, the applicant with the greatest amount of seniority shall be given preference.

ARTICLE XLI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. There shall be no reprisals of any kind taken by either party against any teacher by reason of his membership or non-membership in a professional organization or participation or non-participation in its activities.
- B. The Board shall, at its expense, provide each teacher with a complete text of this Agreement or any Successor Agreement.
- C. The Board shall provide a complete and updated copy of Board policies to the Association. A copy of such policies shall be placed in each school faculty lounge within the school system. It shall be the responsibility of the Central Office to supply sufficient copies to the SEA so that the SEA may maintain the policies in their current status.

ARTICLE XLII

HOLDOVER

In the event that the Board and the Association shall fail to secure a Successor Agreement as hereinbefore provided, prior to the termination of this Agreement then this Agreement may be held over, but only by the mutual consent of both parties for any period not to extend beyond the date of the execution of a Successor Agreement.

ARTICLE XLIII

NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

In the application of the provisions of this contract, no discrimination shall be made on the basis of race, creed, age, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or marital status.

ARTICLE XLIV

SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision or portion of this Agreement is ultimately ruled invalid for any reason by an authority of established and competent legal jurisdiction, the balance and remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE XLV

DURATION

- A. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from July 1, 1976 to June 30, 1979.
- B. The Association agrees during the duration of this contract, it will not authorize, instigate or sanction any violation of §10-153(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

ARTICLE XLVI

ASSOCIATION USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

- A. The Association will have the right to use school buildings without cost at reasonable times for meetings, provided however, that the Association will be required to pay for any additional custodial costs involved by reason of said meetings.
- B. There will be one (1) bulletin board in each school building, which will be placed in the faculty lounge, for the purpose of displaying notices, circulars, and other Association material. Copies of all such material will be given to the building principal, but his advance approval will not be required, except that libelous material shall not be allowed to be posted.
- C. The President of the Association shall not be assigned non-teaching duties, except for home room, during his term in office.
- D. The President of the Association shall be provided with a copy of the approved minutes of all official Board meetings. A copy of the agenda of said Board meetings will be given to the President of the Association prior to any official Board meeting.

ARTICLE XLVII

SCHOOL CALENDAR

School calendar for each year of the Agreement shall be attached as APPENDIX C to the contract for informational purposes only.

ARTICLE XLVIII

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

The parties herein agree that in the event that the Congress of the United States passes a national health insurance program, then, and in that event, insurance fringe benefits shall be reopened for negotiations at the request of either party.

APPENDIX A

SALARY SCHEDULE

1976-1977

<u>Step</u>	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>B.A. + 18</u>	<u>M.A. or Equiv.</u>	<u>M.A. + 15</u>	<u>M.A. + 30</u>
1	\$ 8,535	\$ 8,918	\$ 9,342	\$ 9,809	\$10,277
2	8,919	9,364	9,809	10,300	10,790
3	9,342	9,809	10,277	10,790	11,300
4	9,767	10,255	10,744	11,281	11,810
5	10,192	10,701	11,211	11,771	12,330
6	10,616	11,147	11,678	12,262	12,840
7	11,041	11,593	12,145	12,752	13,360
8	11,466	12,039	12,612	13,243	13,870
9	11,890	12,485	13,079	13,733	14,380
10	12,315	12,931	13,546	14,224	14,900
11	12,740	13,376	14,013	14,714	15,410
12	13,164	13,822	14,481	15,205	15,920
13	13,589	14,268	14,948	15,695	16,440
14		14,714	15,415	16,186	16,950
15		15,161	15,882	16,677	17,470

The Board and the Association agree that the Board of Education may determine the first step on each of the vertical columns on the proposed S.E.A. Salary Schedule for the years 1976-77, 1977-78 and 1978-79. These first steps shall be published at the time that the rest of the Salary Schedule is published.

APPENDIX A

SALARY SCHEDULE

1977-1978

<u>Step</u>	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>B.A. + 18</u>	<u>M.A. or Equiv.</u>	<u>M.A. + 15</u>	<u>M.A. + 30</u>
1	\$ 8,464	\$ 8,972	\$ 9,480	\$10,049	\$10,622
2	8,917	9,452	9,988	10,588	11,191
3	9,371	9,933	10,495	11,126	11,761
4	9,824	10,414	11,003	11,664	12,329
5	10,278	10,894	11,511	12,203	12,897
6	10,731	11,375	12,019	12,741	13,466
7	11,185	11,856	12,527	13,279	14,035
8	11,638	12,336	13,035	13,818	14,604
9	12,091	12,817	13,542	14,356	15,172
10	12,545	13,298	14,050	14,894	15,741
11	12,998	13,778	14,558	15,433	16,310
12	13,452	14,259	15,066	15,971	16,879
13	13,905	14,739	15,574	16,509	17,448
14		15,220	16,082	17,047	18,016
15		15,702	16,589	17,586	18,585

APPENDIX A

SALARY SCHEDULE

1978-1979

<u>Step</u>	<u>B.A.</u>	<u>B.A. + 18</u>	<u>M.A. or Equiv.</u>	<u>M.A. + 15</u>	<u>M.A. + 30</u>
1	\$ 8,473	\$ 9,066	\$ 9,659	\$10,336	\$11,01
2	8,957	9,584	10,211	10,927	11,64
3	9,441	10,102	10,763	11,518	12,27
4	9,926	10,620	11,315	12,108	12,90
5	10,410	11,138	11,867	12,699	13,53
6	10,894	11,656	12,419	13,289	14,16
7	11,378	12,174	12,971	13,880	14,79
8	11,862	12,693	13,523	14,471	15,41
9	12,346	13,211	14,075	15,061	16,04
10	12,831	13,729	14,627	15,652	16,67
11	13,315	14,247	15,179	16,242	17,30
12	13,799	14,765	15,731	16,833	17,93
13	14,283	15,283	16,283	17,423	18,56
14		15,801	16,835	18,014	19,19
15		16,319	17,387	18,605	19,82

APPENDIX B

EXTRA PAY FOR SUPERVISORY POSITIONS

A. Department Chairpersons

1. In addition to his/her regular teaching salary, for each of the following years, each chairperson will receive the following base stipends:

For the year 1976-77.....\$275.00
For the year 1977-78..... 350.00
For the year 1978-79..... 425.00

2. A supervision factor of One Hundred Twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars per person supervised will be added to the base stipend as indicated above for each person supervised, or a proportionate amount for each part-time person supervised by the chairperson.

Note: If the chairperson supervises a person for less than full-time, the factor will be based on the number of teaching periods taught by the supervised person, i.e., ten teaching periods per week would result in a figure of 10/25 or 0.4 times 125 resulting in \$50.00 additional for supervision of this part-time person.

3. An additional teaching load adjustment of Sixty-five (\$65.00) Dollars per teaching period per year for all teaching periods more than twenty (20) per week taught by the chairperson.
1. For the purposes of this provision (teaching load adjustment), teaching period is determined by the length of time between regularly scheduled bells which start and end regular teaching periods.
 2. For the purposes of this provision (teaching load adjustment), assigned study halls shall be considered as teaching periods.
 3. If changes in length of periods or school days occur during the term of this contract, the basis for determining this remuneration (teaching load adjustment) will be the fraction 4/7 of the time normally available for teacher assignment per week.

B. Academic Coordinators

Academic Coordinators shall be paid as follows:

1. \$200 for 1976-77
2. \$275 for 1977-78
3. \$350 for 1978-79

C. Reading Consultant

The Reading Consultant shall be paid in addition to his/her regular salary as follows:

For 1976-77, a base of \$250 plus the supervision factor as calculated for Department Chairpersons

For 1977-78, a base of \$325 plus the supervision factor as calculated for Department Chairpersons

For 1978-79, a base of \$425 plus the supervision factor as calculated for Department Chairpersons

Any newly appointed Reading Consultant shall be paid extra duty pay at the rate in effect in 1976-77, and shall proceed each year through the 1977-78 and 1978-79 rates.

D. Music Director

The Music Director, in addition to his regular salary, shall be paid as follows:

- 1976-77 - \$ 875
1977-78 - 1,000
1978-79 - the Music Director's stipend will be calculated on the basis as a Department Chairperson stipend, except that the Music Director's stipend shall not exceed \$1,300.

Any newly appointed Music Director shall be paid at the rate in effect 1976-77, and shall proceed each year through the 1977-78 and 1978-79 rates.

APPENDIX C

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1977-78

SEPTEMBER (18 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
x	x	7	x	x
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER (19 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
3	(4)	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER (19 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
	1	2	3	4
7	(8)	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	(23)	24	25
28	(29)	30		

DECEMBER (17 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
			1	2
5	(6)	7	8	9
12	(13)	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY (20 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
2	3	4	5	6
9	(10)	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	(25)	(26)	(27)
30	31			

= 93 days
 = 87 days
 = Holidays and Vacations
 = Short School Days - Parent Conferences/In-Service Workshops
 NOTE: Last 3 days of school in June will be short days.

APPENDIX C (cont.)

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1977-78

FEBRUARY (14 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
		1	2	3
6	(7)	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH (22 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	(14)	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL (17 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
3	(4)	5	6	7
10	(11)	12	13	14
17	(18)	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY (22 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
1	2	3	4	5
8	(9)	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE (12 days)

<u>M</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>TH</u>	<u>F</u>
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16 = 180 days

93 days

87 days



= Holidays and Vacations

= Short School Days - Parent Conferences/In-Service Workshops

NOTE: Last 3 days of school in June will be short days.

APPENDIX D

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of professional development is the improvement and expansion of staff competencies to:

- a. contribute to meeting the goals for the Suffield Public Schools established by the Board of Education.
- b. contribute to the development of learning competency in Suffield students.

Part I - Categories of Courses - Definitions

Category I - Courses Directly Related to Staff Position

A course is directly related to a staff member's position if:

- a. The course has the same general title as the specific course(s) the staff member teaches in Suffield.
- b. The course is offered by the university department which corresponds to the department or team of the staff member.
- c. The course is a professional education course which deals with problems, methods, or curriculum of the staff member's specific area of responsibility.
Example: Elementary Science Curriculum, Recent developments in Secondary Social Studies, etc.

Category II - Courses Supplementary to Staff Position

A course is supplementary to a staff member's position if:

- a. Techniques, concepts, or knowledge of the supplementary course is an integral part of the individual's primary specialty area.
Example: Mathematics concepts etc. are used in Science. Reading skills are part of English/Language arts.
- b. The supplementary course work is an application of the techniques, concepts, or knowledge of the individual's primary specialty area.
Example: Science courses apply Mathematics techniques. Social Science courses apply English reading and writing skills.

Category III - Professional Education Courses - Primary

A professional education course is a primary course if:

- a. It is an introductory course in a subject area.
Example: Principles of Guidance, Introduction to Special Learning Problems.
- b. It provides general information about a subject area.
Example: _____ School Administration,
School Law

Category IV - Professional Education Courses - Career

A professional education course is a career course if:

- a. It is a second or higher level course in a subject area.
- b. It is part of a program leading to provisional certification for a non-classroom specialty.

Part II - Guidelines for Program Acceptance

- A. Category I courses shall be acceptable.
- B. Category II courses shall be acceptable provided that they do not constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the staff member's program.
- C. Category III courses shall be acceptable provided that they do not constitute more than one third (1/3) of the staff member's program and are not duplications of undergraduate courses.
- D. Category IV courses are acceptable upon prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
- E. All programs must be submitted to the Superintendent in advance for determination of compliance with the requirements of Appendix D.

Part III - Exceptions to Guidelines

- A. Upon application by a staff member the Superintendent may waive the distribution guidelines for Category II and III courses.
- B. Apparent duplication of graduate courses is permitted only with approval of the Superintendent of Schools regardless of the category of the course.
- C. Courses, workshops or training sessions that are approved for credit by the Board of Education or are taken at the request of the Board or the Superintendent are automatically acceptable.

- D. The Board may at its discretion declare courses in specific subject areas exempt from Category IV Guidelines.

Part IV - Program Filing and Approval Procedures

- A. All professional development programs shall be filed with the Superintendent of Schools at least thirty (30) days prior to beginning of the program.
- B. The Superintendent shall inform the staff member in writing within thirty (30) calendar days if any part(s) of the proposed program is/are in conflict with the guidelines for program acceptance.
- C. In the event that the Superintendent does not inform the staff member of potential conflicts with the guidelines within thirty (30) calendar days, the program is automatically accepted.

Part V - Program Review

In cases in which the Superintendent and the staff members are unable to resolve program conflicts, the staff member will have the right to grieve the Superintendent's decision. The grievance may be initiated at Level 2 and shall be subject to advisory arbitration for the first two years of this contract. The Professional Development Program shall be subject to reopened negotiations for the third year of this Agreement, but only in those areas that were the subject of dispute during the prior two years of the Agreement. Any agreement reached in the third year of this contract in the Professional Development Program shall be subject to binding arbitration.

Part VI - Special Considerations

- A. The BA + 18 salary schedule is open only to those staff members who are not required to complete a fifth year of preparation for a Connecticut Standard Certification.
- B. The MA + 15 and MA + 30 salary schedules are open only to those staff members who hold a master's degree.
- C. Professional Development Program must be completed within a seven-year period of time unless the Graduate Program is extended by the college or university and in no event shall the program extend beyond ten years.
- D. Professional Development Programs begun under prior policies or completed under prior policies or begun or completed within six months after the execution of this Agreement, shall be accepted if the conditions of the prior policies have been met.

APPENDIX E

ADDITIONAL REMUNERATION FOR COACHES

- A. The point system shall be continued, with changes in point value as indicated in C. below.
- B. Points shall be based on the following factors:
1. The number of participants; 1 point for each five (5) participants. Maximum - 8 points.
 2. Games; 1 point for each game or meet and will include all play-offs and CIAC tournaments. An additional 1/2 point will be given for any game or meet starting after 5 p.m. as well as 1 full point for Saturday games or meets. Games will be determined by CIAC rules.
 3. Length of season; 1 point for each week of practice.
 4. Experience; 1 point for each year of coaching experience in Suffield. Maximum - 10 points.
- C. For all sport coaches:
- Point Value for the years 1976-78:
- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Varsity..... | \$18.75 |
| Ass't. Junior Varsity & Freshman..... | 12.50 |
- Point Value for the year 1978-79:
- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Varsity..... | \$20.70 |
| Ass't. Junior Varsity & Freshman..... | 14.85 |
- D. The cost of any new positions approved by the Board of Education after July 1, 1976 will be absorbed by the Board.

APPENDIX F

EXTRA REMUNERATION FOR EXTRA DUTY

	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>
Year Book Advisor.....	\$400	\$400	\$400
Director of Musicals.....	600	600	600
Band Director.....	250	250	250
Student Association Advisor.....	300	300	300
Technician Advisor.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
Special Education.....	500*	500*	500*
Driver Education.....	7.00/hr.	7.00/hr.	7.00/hr.
Intra-murals.....	5.50/hr.	5.50/hr.	5.50/hr.
Cheerleader Advisor.....	600	600	600

*Applies only to individual presently receiving such stipend.

Class Advisors

Freshman	
Advisor.....	150
Ass't. Advisor.....	150
Sophomore	
Advisor.....	200
.....	175
Junior	
Advisor.....	300
Ass't. Advisor.....	200
Senior	
Advisor.....	450
Ass't. Advisor.....	300

The cost of any new positions approved by the Board of Education after July 1, 1976 will be absorbed by the Board.

TEACHER'S INITIAL CONTRACT

The Board of Education of the Town of....., Connecticut hereby agrees to employ..... and..... (to whom the te "teacher" hereinafter refers) hereby agrees to serve, under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools as a..... in the public schools of said Town, for the school year beginning....., 19..... and ending....., 19..... subject to the conditions stated below.

In accordance with the provisions of the prevailing salary schedule of the Board of Education for said Town, the Board has voted and hereby agrees to pay said teacher, and said teacher hereby agrees to accept, for service during the above-stated period, an annual salary of \$..... in..... periodic installments payable as follows:..... beginning....., 19....., and subject to required deductions for the State Teacher Retirement Fund and the United States Withholding Tax, and other agreed-to deductions which the teacher in writing authorize.

This contract shall be renewed annually by operation of law during the period of said teacher's first three years of continuous employment by said Board, unless the teacher has been notified in writing prior to March first in each school year that the contract will not be renewed for the following year. For each year for which this contract is renewed the annual salary of the teacher shall be in accordance with the provisions of the prevailing salary schedule of the Board of Education for said Town, and as determined through the signing of a teacher's annual salary agreement.

This contract may be terminated by mutual consent at any time. It may be terminated by the Board for cause as provided by statute. The teacher may resign for good reason by submitting at least thirty days' written notice any time except during the month of August, during which month, unless the contract has been terminated by mutual consent or Board action, the teacher will accept employment with no other Board of Education in Connecticut; provided that in the event no salary agreement for the ensuing year has been signed by August first, limitations on the teacher's resigning shall not be binding until such an agreement has been signed.

The teacher may, upon written request filed with the Board within ten days after the receipt of any notice from the Board of its intention to terminate or not to renew this contract, be entitled to a hearing before the Board to be held within fifteen days of such request and at such hearing the reason or reasons for the termination or the non-renewal of the contract shall be made known. The teacher shall have the right to appear with counsel of his choice at such hearing.

This contract is subject to the Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the rules and regulations of the Board of Education.

SIGNED:

Teacher.....

Board of Education of.....

Date.....

By.....
Superintendent

Date.....

TEACHER'S LONG TERM CONTRACT

(Effective Beginning with and Subsequent to the Fourth Year of Continuous Employment)

The Board of Education of the Town of _____, Connecticut,
hereby agrees to employ _____
and _____ (to whom the term
"teacher" hereinafter refers) hereby agrees to serve, under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools,
as a _____ in the public schools of said Town, on a continuing
basis, subject to the conditions stated below, beginning _____, 19____.
Said Board of Education agrees to pay said teacher an annual salary in accordance with the provisions of the prevailing
salary schedule of the Board of Education for said Town, and as determined through the signing of a teacher's annual
salary agreement.

This contract of employment shall continue in force from year to year, subject to the following conditions:

(a) It may be terminated by mutual consent at any time.

(b) The teacher may resign for good reason by submitting at least thirty days' written notice at any time except during the month of August, during which month, unless the contract has been terminated by mutual consent or Board action, the teacher will accept employment with no other Board of Education in Connecticut; provided that in the event no salary agreement for the ensuing year has been signed by August first, limitations on the teacher's resigning shall not be binding until such an agreement has been signed.

(c) The Board may terminate this contract at any time for one or more of the following reasons: (1) inefficiency or incompetence; (2) insubordination against reasonable rules of the Board of Education; (3) moral misconduct; (4) disability, as shown by competent medical evidence; (5) elimination of the position to which the teacher was appointed, if no other position exists to which he may be appointed if qualified; or (6) other due and sufficient cause; provided, prior to terminating the contract, the Board of Education shall give the teacher a written notice that termination of his contract is under consideration and, upon written request filed by the teacher with the Board within five days after receipt of such notice, shall within the next succeeding five days give the teacher a statement in writing of its reasons therefor. Within twenty days after receipt from the Board of Education of written notice that contract termination is under consideration the teacher may file with the Board a written request for a hearing, which the Board shall hold within fifteen days after receipt of such request. Such hearing shall be public if the teacher so requests or the Board so designates. The teacher shall have the right to appear with counsel of his choice at such hearing, whether public or private. The Board of Education shall give the teacher its written decision within fifteen days after such hearing. Nothing herein contained shall deprive the Board of Education of the power to suspend the teacher from duty immediately when serious misconduct is charged, without prejudice to the rights of the teacher as otherwise provided herein.

This contract is subject to the Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the rules and regulations of the Board of Education.

SIGNED:

Teacher..... Board of Education of.....

Date..... By.....
Superintendent

Date.....

TEACHER'S ANNUAL SALARY AGREEMENT

.....(to whom the te
"teacher" hereinafter refers), employed as a..... in
public schools of the Town of....., Connecticut, un
a continuing contract dated....., 19....., is hereby notified that t
Board of Education of said Town has voted and hereby agrees, under the terms of said contract, and in accorder
with the provisions of the prevailing salary schedule of the Board of Education for said Town, to pay said teacher f
the school year beginning....., 19..... and ending....., 19.....
an annual salary of \$..... in..... periodic installments, payable as follow
.....
beginning....., 19....., and subject to required deductions for the State Teacher
Retirement Fund and the United States Withholding Tax, and other agreed-to deductions which the teacher ma
in writing authorize.

Said teacher, under the terms and conditions of the aforementioned continuing contract, hereby agrees to accep
the above-stated salary in return for service during the above-stated period.

This salary agreement shall become operative when properly signed in duplicate and one copy returned by th
teacher to the office of the Superintendent of Schools. If not signed and returned by the teacher on or befor
....., 19....., a written statement of the reason must be submitted to the office of th
Superintendent by this date.

SIGNED:

Teacher.....

Board of Education of.....

Date.....

By.....
Superintendent

Date.....

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused these presents to be executed by their proper officers, hereunto duly authorized, and their seals affixed hereto as of the date and year first above written.

SUFFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Jacqueline Parent
Negotiating Committee - Chairperson

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Carl Glans
Negotiating Committee

Date June 29, 1977

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