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District and BVNEA reach agreement

Negotiating teams for the Blue Valley National Education Association (BVNEA) and the Blue Valley Board of Education have reached agreement on a contract for the 2010-11 school year.

The agreement includes no increase or decrease to the base salary for all certified staff. The agreement also includes no increase to health insurance premiums. The starting salary for 2010-11 is \$38,583. The Blue Valley Board of Education voted on the agreement at a special meeting on April 26. Teachers authorized the agreement in a vote that became final at 10 a.m. the same day.

The Board also approved 2010-11 compensation for classified staff and administrators. Classified staff and administrator salaries also included no increase or decrease.

“In these difficult times when the Board has been forced to reduce the budget by more than \$6 million, we have been able to reach agreement which protects teachers’ compensation interests,” said Bill Land, BVNEA president.

Jim Payne, chief Board negotiator and executive director of Human Resources stated that the Board has attempted responsible budget actions which recognize the ongoing contributions of a highly qualified professional staff.

“In these challenging economic times both sides worked to honor the commitment and productivity of our professional staff,” Payne said. “Additionally, the Board similarly recognize the vital roles played by administrators, classified staff, and substitute teachers.”