

RENUMERATION, REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS

Compensation

Each member of the Governing Board may receive a monthly compensation of \$485.

On an annual basis, the Board may increase the compensation of Board members beyond the limit delineated in Education Code 35120 in an amount not to exceed five percent based on the present monthly rate of compensation.

Board members are not required to accept payment for meetings attended.

Any member who does not attend all Board meetings during the month is eligible to receive only a percentage of the monthly compensation equal to the percentage of meetings he/she attended, unless otherwise authorized by the Board in accordance with law.

A member may be compensated for meetings he/she missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that he/she was performing designated services for the district at the time of the meeting or that he/she was absent because of illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board.

Whenever a quorum of Board members serves as another legislative body which will meet simultaneously or in serial order to a Board meeting, the Board clerk or a member of the Board shall verbally announce the amount of any additional compensation or stipend that each member will be entitled to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting.

Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred when performing authorized services for the district or directed by the Board. Expenses for travel, telephone, business meals, or other authorized purposes shall be in accordance with policies established for district personnel and at the same rate of reimbursement.

Authorized purposes may include, but are not limited to, attendance at educational seminars or conferences designed to improve Board members' skills and knowledge; participation in regional, state, or national organizations whose activities affect the district's interests; attendance at district or community events; and meetings with state or federal officials on issues of community concern.

Personal expenses shall be the responsibility of individual Board members. Personal expenses include, but are not limited to, the personal portion of any trip, tips or gratuities, alcohol, entertainment, laundry, expenses of any family member who is accompanying the Board member on district-related business, personal use of an automobile, and personal losses and traffic violation fees incurred while on district business.

ROLE OF THE BOARD (continued)

Any questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense should be resolved by the Superintendent or designee before the expense is incurred.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Current Board Members

Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees.

The district shall pay the premiums required for Board members electing to participate in the district health and welfare benefits program to the same extent that it pays for district employees.

Health and welfare benefits provided to Board members shall be extended at the same level to their spouse/registered domestic partner and to their eligible dependent children as specified in law and the health plan.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33050-33053 *General waiver authority*

33362-33363 *Reimbursement of expenses for attendance at workshops*

35012 *Board members; number, election and term*

35044 *Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board*

35120 *Compensation for services as member of governing board*

35172 *Promotional activities*

44038 *Cash deposits for transportation purchased on credit*

FAMILY CODE

297-297.5 *Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners*

GOVERNMENT CODE

8314 *Use of public resources*

20322 *Elective officers; election to become member*

20420-20445 *Membership in Public Employees' Retirement System; definition of safety employees*

53200-53209 *Group insurance*

54952.3 *Simultaneous or serial meetings; announcement of compensation*

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1373 *Health services plan, coverage for dependent children*

INSURANCE CODE

10277-10278 *Group and individual health insurance, coverage for dependent children*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

403 *Tax-sheltered annuities*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

18011 *Right to maintain existing health coverage*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26

1.403(b)-2 *Tax-sheltered annuities, definition of employee*