

Salinas City Elementary School District

LEGAL PROTECTION

Liability Insurance

The Governing Board shall provide insurance necessary to protect Board members liability caused by a negligent acts or omission that occurs within the scope of the Board member's office in accordance with Education Code 35208.

Protection Against Personal Liability

No Board member shall be liable for any harm caused by the Board member's negligent act or omission when acting within the scope of the Board member's responsibilities, including, but not limited to, Board responsibilities as specified in Board Bylaw 9000 - Role Of The Board. Additionally, no Board member shall be vicariously liable for injuries caused by the district's acts or omissions. (Education Code 35208; Government Code 820.9)

In addition, no Board member shall be liable for any harm caused by the Board member's act or omission if the Board member was acting within the scope of the Board member's responsibilities, made in conformity with federal, state, and local laws, and made in furtherance of an effort to control, discipline, expel or suspend a student, or maintain order or control in the classroom or school. (20 USC 7946)

The protection against liability shall not apply when: (20 USC 7946)

1. The Board member acted with willful or criminal misconduct, gross negligence, recklessness, or a conscious, flagrant indifference to the harmed person's right to safety.
2. The Board member caused harm by operating a motor vehicle.
3. The Board member was not properly licensed, if required, by the State for such activities.
4. The Board member was found by a court to have violated a federal or state civil rights law.
5. The Board member was under the influence of alcohol or any drug at the time of the misconduct.
6. The misconduct constituted a crime of violence pursuant to 18 USC 16 or an act of terrorism for which the Board member has been convicted in a court.
7. The misconduct involved a sexual offense for which the Board member has been convicted in a court.

Nothing in this Board bylaw is intended to protect a Board member from criminal or civil liability for injury caused by the Board member's own wrongful conduct, for certain violations of law, including the Brown Act, or for liability from the requirement to reimburse the district under certain circumstances as specified in law. (Government Code 820.9, 825, 825.6, 54959, 54960)

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Board Bylaws

Bylaw #9260

State

Ed. Code 17029.5

Ed. Code 35208

Ed. Code 35214

Gov. Code 1090-1098

Gov. Code 54950-54963

Gov. Code 815.3

Gov. Code 820-823

Gov. Code 825-825.6

Gov. Code 87100-89503

Federal

18 USC 16

20 USC 7941-7948

Description

Contract funding; board liability

Liability insurance

Liability insurance (self-insurance or a combination of self-insurance and insurance through an insurance company)

Prohibitions applicable to specified officers

The Ralph M. Brown Act

Intentional torts

Tort claims act

Indemnification of elected officials

Conflicts of interest

Description

Crime of violence; definition

Teacher liability protection

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