Expense Claim Certification and Approval

Before expense claims are submitted to the board for payment, they will be audited and certified by the district's appointed auditing officer for accuracy and proof that the goods or services have been received and are satisfactory and that previous payment has not been made. The certification must be signed and dated by the auditing officer or their delegate.

[For first-class districts, add: In addition to the auditing officer, all accounts must be audited by a committee of board members chosen in whatever manner the board decides. No expenditure in excess of three hundred dollars may be paid out except in accordance with a written contract, except as otherwise provided by law.] Claims will be approved by a recorded affirmative vote of a majority of the board.

The board authorizes advance payment of a claim when a delay in payment would otherwise result in a penalty or late fee or an interest charge on the unpaid balance except that advance payment for goods or services to a single vendor in excess of **$10,000** will not be permitted unless previously authorized by the board through a bid award or by action of the board at a preceding board meeting. In cases where the advance payment of a claim is made for multiple vendors, the maximum amount allowed for such payments is **$20,000.** The board will review and approve all such advance payments at its next regularly scheduled public meeting. In the event the claim is disapproved, the auditing officer and superintendent will cause the claims to be recognized as receivables and pursue collection diligently until the funds are collected or until the board approves the payment of those claims.

The auditing officer and the superintendent will each furnish an official bond, for not less than $50,000 for the faithful discharge of such duties. The school district will purchase and pay for the surety bonds.

Cross References:	6500 - Risk Management
Legal References:	RCW28A.330.080Payment of claims Signing of warrants RCW 28A.330.090Auditing committee and expenditures RCW 42.24.080Municipal corporations and political subdivisions Claims against for contractual purposes Auditing and payment Forms Authentication and certification RCW 42.24.180Taxing District Issuance of warrants or checks before approval by legislative body Conditions

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