

REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS**Compensation**

Each member of the Governing Board shall be provided monthly compensation of \$800.00, less any amounts deducted for meeting absences which are not excused by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

Board members are not required to accept the monthly compensation.

On an annual basis, the Board may amend this Bylaw to 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. (Education Code 35120)

A Board member who is absent from a Board meeting shall not receive the pro rata monthly compensation for that meeting unless the Board finds, via resolution, that at the time of the Board meeting the Board member was absent due to the need to perform services for the district, illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

Student Board member compensation shall be provided in accordance with Board Bylaw 9150 - Student Board Members.

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, when required by law, 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. (Government Code 54952.3)

Reimbursement of Expenses

The district shall reimburse individual Board members for actual and necessary expenses incurred when performing authorized services for the district, including services directed by the Board. The timelines and procedures for reimbursement shall be the same as those established for district personnel and at the same rate of reimbursement. (Education Code 31560, 35044; Government Code 8314)

All other expenses, including personal expenses, shall be the responsibility of individual Board members and shall not be paid or reimbursed by the district. (Government Code 8314)

Personal expenses shall 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.

Any Board member with questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense shall seek and receive guidance from the Superintendent or designee before the expense is incurred.

Credit Cards

Board members may use district-issued credit cards while on official district business and consistent with the limits established for district personnel. Personal expenses shall not be charged on a district-issued credit card, even if the Board member intends to subsequently reimburse the district for the personal charges.

Benefits for Board Members

Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees as permitted by law. However, health and welfare benefits for Board members shall be no greater than that received by the district's nonsafety employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53201, 53205, 53208.5)

The district shall pay \$ 0 (Zero) as a reimbursement for costs of approved health plans that have been paid by Board members.

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. (Family Code 297.5; Government Code 53205.1)

Former Board members, and a former Board member's spouse/registered domestic partner and eligible dependent children, may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees only as permitted by law.