

Bylaw 9250: Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits

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Compensation

Each member of the Board of Education may receive a monthly compensation of ~~\$510.51~~ **\$536.04**. (Education Code 35120)

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. The Board will consider an increase annually at a regular Board meeting in June, the last month of the fiscal year. An increase made pursuant to this subdivision shall be effective in July, the first month of the fiscal year, upon approval by the Board. (Education Code 35120)

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. (Education Code 35120)

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. (Education Code 35120)

Student Board members shall receive no compensation for meetings attended. (Education Code 35012)

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. (Government Code 54952.3)

Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred when performing authorized services for the district. 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.

Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when performing services directed by the Board. (Education Code 35044)

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.

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

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.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Current Board Members

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

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 53208.5)

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.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Former Board Members

Former Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees under the conditions specified below.

Health and welfare benefits for former Board members shall be no greater than those received by district nonsafety employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53208.5)

The district shall pay the premiums for health and welfare benefits of any former Board member who served in office after January 1, 1981, began his/her term before January 1, 1995, and has served for 12 or more years. (Government Code 53201)

Any other former Board member who served at least one term may participate in the health and welfare benefits program at his/her own expense if coverage is in effect at the time he/she leaves office. (Government Code 53201)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
Ed. Code 33050-33053	General waiver authority
Ed. Code 33362-33363	Reimbursement of expenses; board member or member-elect
Ed. Code 35012	Board members; number, election and terms
Ed. Code 35044	Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board
Ed. Code 35120	Course credit for student board members
Ed. Code 35172	Promotional activities
Ed. Code 44038	Cash deposits for transportation purchased on credit
Fam. Code 297-297.5	Rights, protections, benefits under the law; registered domestic partners
Gov. Code 20322	Elective officers; election to become member
Gov. Code 20420-20445	Membership in Public Employees' Retirement System; definition of safety employees
Gov. Code 3543.7	Duty to meet and negotiate in good faith
Gov. Code 53200-53209	Group insurance
Gov. Code 54952.3	Simultaneous or serial meetings; announcement of compensation
Gov. Code 8314	Use of public resources
H&S Code 1373	Health services plan; coverage for dependent children
Ins. Code 10277-10278	Group and individual health insurance; coverage for dependent children
Federal	Description
26 CFR 1.403(b)-2	Tax-sheltered annuities; definition of employee
26 USC 403	Tax-sheltered annuities
42 USC 18011	Right to maintain existing health coverage
Management Resources	Description
Attorney General Opinion	83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 124 (2000)
Attorney General Opinion	91 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 37 (2008)
Court Decision	Thorning v. Hollister School District, (1992) 11 Cal.App.4th 1598
Court Decision	Board of Education of the Palo Alto Unified School District v. Superior Court of Santa Clara County, (1979) 93 Cal.App.3d 578
Institute for Local Government Publication	Sample Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy Statement, January 2006
Internal Revenue Service Publication	Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans) for Employees of Public Schools and Certain Tax-Exempt Organizations, Publication 571, rev. February 2013
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services

Website	Public Employees' Retirement System
Website	Institute for Local Government
Website	Internal Revenue Service
Website	CSBA

Cross References

Code	Description
1160	Political Processes
3100	Budget
3100	Budget
3350	Travel Expenses
3513.1	Cellular Phone Reimbursement
3513.1	Cellular Phone Reimbursement
4154	Health And Welfare Benefits
4154	Health And Welfare Benefits
4254	Health And Welfare Benefits
4254	Health And Welfare Benefits
4354	Health And Welfare Benefits
4354	Health And Welfare Benefits
9110	Terms Of Office
9150	Student Board Members
9240	Board Training
9324	Minutes And Recordings