

Board Member Travel, Conventions, Workshops and Other Expenses

The Board faces a difficult set of challenges in its governance of a complex school district. It must develop a high quality educational program, decide complex policy issues and oversee the prudent management of school facilities.

The public expects its elected Board members to demonstrate high quality governance as they deal with affairs of the public schools. In turn, the Board expects public support for each Board member's effort to gain knowledge and understanding of the complexities of governing school districts that can only be gained by participation in educational forums such as conventions, workshops and membership in educational organizations.

The Board regards the following examples of activities and services appropriate for implementing this objective:

1. Participation in state and national school board and school executive conferences, workshops and conventions.
2. District-sponsored training sessions for leadership personnel, staff and Board members.
3. Publications and subscriptions that address the concerns of Board members, governance and educational issues.
4. Technology links that allow for research and speedy communications.

The superintendent shall establish within the budget, funds to cover the cost of Board member participation in the types of activities and services described above. This funding will be reviewed as part of the annual budget presentation.

Board members shall receive no compensation for their services. However, upon submitting completed expense reports and presenting available receipts for expenses incurred in carrying out Board member duties or participating in Board related activities such as conventions and workshops, Board members may be reimbursed for such expenses by the District.

The intent of this policy shall be governed by the guidelines established in associated regulation, BIBA-R, accompanying this policy. These regulations incorporate Board past practices as the guiding foundation for development.

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LEGAL REFS: C.R.S. 22-32-104 (5) Board member compensation
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(n), (u) Power to provide necessary expenses
C.R.S. 24-18-104 (3)(d), (e) Reimbursements are not considered gifts

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