Board Bylaws

REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS

Compensation

The members of the Board of Education view their Board service as a voluntary contribution to the community, and elect not to receive the compensation to which they are entitled pursuant to Education Code 35120.

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)

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

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 employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53208.5)

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 employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53208.5)

Any former Board member leaving the Board after at least one term of office may participate in the health and welfare benefits program at his/her own expense if coverage is in effect at the time of retirement. (Government Code 53201)

Health and welfare benefits provided to a former Board member shall be extended, at his/her expense and at the same level, to his/her spouse/registered domestic partner and eligible dependent children as specified in law and the health plan.

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 33050-33053 General waiver authority 33362-33363 Reimbursement of expenses for attendance at workshops 35012 Board members; number, election and term 35044 Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board 35120 Compensation for services as member of governing board 35172 Promotional activities 44038 Cash deposits for transportation purchased on credit FAMILY CODE 297-297.5 Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners GOVERNMENT CODE 8314 Use of public resources 20322 Elective officers; election to become member 20420-20445 Membership in Public Employees' Retirement System; definition of safety employees 53200-53209 Group insurance 54952.3 Simultaneous or serial meetings; announcement of compensation HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 1373 Health services plan, coverage for dependent children INSURANCE CODE 10277-10278 Group and individual health insurance, coverage for dependent children UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26 403 Tax-sheltered annuities UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42 18011 Right to maintain existing health coverage CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26 1.403(b)-2 Tax-sheltered annuities, definition of employee COURT DECISIONS Thorning v. Hollister School District, (1992) 11 Cal.App.4th 1598 Board of Education of the Palo Alto Unified School District v. Superior Court of Santa Clara County, (1979) 93 Cal.App.3d 578 ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS 91 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 37 (2008) 83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 124 (2000)

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