

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

As permitted by law, the Board will vote prior to January 1 to set the rate of compensation for the newly-elected or re-elected members of the Board. Compensation for Board members may not be changed during their terms of office. Changes in compensation for Board members must be made prior to the beginning of their respective terms.

Board Service Fund

Action will be taken at the annual organizational meeting on the establishment of a Board “service fund” to pay expenses actually incurred by Board members or members-elect in their official duties. The sum set aside will not exceed the maximum allowed by law. This fund will be used at the Board’s discretion to provide for members’ participation in workshops and conferences, for new Board member orientation and development and for other expenses in connection with assigned duties as permitted by law, including those made for a public purpose as defined below.

Spending Guidelines: Definition of Public Purpose

The Board recognizes that expenditure of funds within the District must fall within the scope of serving a public purpose as defined by State law. It is the Board’s determination that the following expenditures are a necessary part of the effective function of the extracurricular and co curricular programs concerned, once reviewed and approved by the Superintendent:

1. awards;
2. recognition and incentive items for employees and/or volunteers; and,
3. prizes/awards/programs for students through student activity funds.

The purpose of this policy is to permit the Superintendent, at the discretion of the Board, to honor its employees and nonemployees with plaques, pins and other tokens of appreciation to include meals, refreshments or other amenities which further the interest of the District.

The Board affirms that the expenses incurred as listed above do serve public purposes which include the promotion of education by encouraging staff morale as well as support for the District’s educational program with citizens, members of the business community, advisory committee members and associated school districts. Expenditures are subject to approval by the Superintendent.

Travel Vendor Compensation

Any compensation paid by a private travel vendor to a District official or employee, after the official or employee has participated in selecting the vendor to provide a field trip, is considered “public money” and must be returned to the District.

All travel arrangements must be in compliance with District field trip regulations.

(Adoption date: December 19, 2002)

LEGAL REFS.: Ohio CONST. Art II. § 20
 ORC 3311.19
 3313.12
 3315.15

CROSS REFS.: BCA, Board Organizational Meeting
 DLC, Expense Reimbursements
 GBI, Staff Gifts and Solicitations
 JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations