

**REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT, AND OTHER BENEFITS**

**Remuneration**

Each member of the Governing Board may receive the maximum monthly compensation as provided for in law.

Board members are not required to accept payment for meetings attended.

If a member does not attend all Board meetings during the month, he/she is eligible to receive only a percentage of the monthly compensation equal to the percentage of meetings attended unless otherwise authorized by the Board in accordance with law. (Education Code 1090, 35120)

Members may be paid for meetings they missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that they were performing designated services for the District at the time of the meeting or that they were absent because of illness, jury duty, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 1090, 35120) During any year, members of the Board may be paid for up to two meetings when the Board, by resolution, finds they were absent because of illness.

**Reimbursement of Expenses**

Board members shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses incurred when so authorized in advance by the Board. (Education Code 35044)

*(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)*  
*(cf. 9240 - Board Development)*

Board members may use District-issued credit cards while on official District business. Under no circumstances may personal expenses be charged on District credit cards.

**Health and Welfare Benefits**

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

Board members who elect to participate in the District health and welfare benefits program will be covered at a rate equal to all other District employees.

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**Benefits for Retired Board Members**

Any members whose first term of office began on or after January 1, 1995, and any other members retiring from the Board after at least one term, may continue the health and welfare benefits program at their own expense if coverage is in effect at the time of retirement. (Government Code 53201)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

1090 Compensation for members and mileage allowance

33362 Reimbursement of expenses (Department of Education and CSBA workshops)

35012 Board members; number, election and term

35044 Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board

35120 Compensation (services as member of governing board)

35172 Promotional activities

44038 Cash deposits for transportation purchased on credit

GOVERNMENT CODE

20322 Elective officers; election to become member

53200-53209 Group insurance, especially:

53200 Definitions: group insurance, local agency; health and welfare benefits, employees

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

403(b) Tax-sheltered annuities

COURT DECISIONS

Thorning v. Hollister School District, (1992) 11 Cal.App.4th 1598