

Policy BBBE: Board Member Compensation and Expenses

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BOARD MEMBER CHOICE

Each school board member shall receive per diem in the amount of one hundred twelve dollars (\$112.00) for no more than thirty-six (36) meetings of the school board during any one (1) fiscal year, or may choose to receive as compensation for services an annual salary subject to the following provisions:

1. For a school board member serving in a district with less than five thousand students enrolled in the school district, that member shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars (\$4,000);
2. For a school board member serving in a district with at least five thousand students but less than ten thousand students enrolled in the school district, that member shall receive an annual salary of not less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) but not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
3. For a school board member serving in a district with greater than ten thousand students enrolled in the school district, that member shall receive an annual salary of not less than four thousand dollars (\$4,000) but not more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000);

The school board should record in its minutes the selection made by each individual board member. The choice made by each school board member shall be irrevocable and shall remain in effect for all successive terms or periods of service of that member. Such compensation shall not entitle any school board member to receive or be eligible for any state employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe benefits.

REIMBURSEMENT

Each member shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses and mileage in attending meetings of the school board. In addition, all members may be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the further performance of their duties, including attendance at any mandatory school board training session or at regional and national education meetings, when such mileage and other expenses are authorized by the board prior to the date on which they occur. Detailed vouchers shall be submitted for reimbursement for all expenses authorized by this section. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section 25-3-41.

Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school district involved against the funds available for payment of the administrative expense of the district.

REFRESHMENTS / MEALS AT BOARD MEETINGS

When attending meetings of the board and mandatory training sessions, board members may be provided refreshments and/or a meal when such is deemed necessary to prevent major interruptions to the board meeting or training session. A meal may be provided in lieu of reimbursement in order to avoid disruption of business, if the board determines that such is a necessary and reasonable expense of the meeting.

PENALTY FOR MISSED BOARD MEETINGS

If a member of a school board misses twenty percent (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during a calendar year, except for absences caused by required military duty, the member must reimburse the school district that portion of the total salary paid to the member that year which is proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in relation to the total number of school board meetings held during that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be given only to meetings of which public notice is required. 37-6-13
