

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

As permitted by law, the Board votes 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 is 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 amount permitted by law. This fund is 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.

Spending Guidelines: Definition of Public Purpose

The Board recognizes that expenditure of funds within the district, regardless of fund type, must fall within the scope of serving a public purpose. The determination of what expenditures fall under the scope of a public purpose rests with the Board through Board policy pursuant to Ohio law. It is the Board’s determination that the following expenditures are a necessary part of the effective function of the extra and cocurricular programs concerned, once reviewed and approved by the Superintendent.

- A. Awards;
- B. Recognition and incentive items for employees and/or volunteers; and
- C. 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 and Treasurer.

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.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3313.12; 3315.15; 3313.202

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