

BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

The Board votes prior to January 1 to set the rate of compensation for newly elected or re-elected Board members. Because compensation for Board members may not be changed during their respective terms of office, changes in compensation must be made prior to the beginning of their respective terms.

Board members will receive the maximum amount permitted by law for twelve meetings.

Board Service Fund

A Board “service fund” is established 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 (not compensation) in workshops and conferences, for new Board member orientation and training 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 cocurricular 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 the use of student activity funds.

The Superintendent, at the discretion of the Board, is permitted to honor employees and non-employees 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. All expenditures are subject to approval by the Superintendent.

Vendor Compensation

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

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LEGAL REFS.: Ohio Const. Art. II, Section 20
ORC 3311.19
3313.12
3315.15
5705.01; 5705.10

CROSS REFS.: BCA, Board Organizational Meeting
BHA, New Board Member Orientation
BHBA, School Board Conferences, Conventions and Workshops
DLC, Expense Reimbursements
GBI, Staff Gifts and Solicitations
IICA, Field Trips
JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations