

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 must fall within the scope of serving a public purpose as defined by State law. Any legal expenditure, from any District fund, that contributes to the process of educating students shall be deemed for proper public purpose. Additionally, 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. recognition of an event (e.g., funeral of an employee or employee's family, congratulatory bouquets, plaques, awards, etc.)
2. recognition and incentive items for employees and/or volunteers
3. prizes/awards/programs for students through student activity funds

The Superintendent 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 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 and approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

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LEGAL REFS.: Oho Const. Art. II § 20
ORC 3311.19
3313.12
3315.15

CROSS REF.: BCA, Board Organizational Meeting

NOTE: The sum set aside for the Board Service Fund will not exceed \$2.00 for each student enrolled or \$20,000, whichever is greater. The fund shall contain a maximum of \$60,000.