

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION/EXPENSES

Board members shall receive no compensation for their services. However, upon submitting vouchers and supporting bills for expenses incurred in carrying out specific services previously authorized by the Board, Board members may be reimbursed from district funds. The district shall pay the expenses of Board members authorized to attend local, state, regional and national meetings and conventions as representatives of the district.

A travel expense claim with supporting receipts for auditing purposes shall be filed by the participant with the business office upon return from the meeting.

Estimated advance payments shall be granted upon request and an adjusted claim filed upon return from the meeting with any unused portion of the advance payment returned to the district.

Authorized expenses shall include:

Registration

All registration fees including required luncheons, banquets and special activities.

Lodging

All hotel and motel fees.

Transportation

All travel expenses incurred getting to and from the meeting.

Rental Cars, Taxies and Limousines

At particular meetings where it is necessary to rent a car or use a taxi or limousine in order to participate fully in the business of the meeting, including transportation to and from eating establishments.

Per Diem

An expense account of \$40 to cover meals, tips and other costs normally incurred at a state or national meeting. Expenses for alcoholic beverages are not authorized.

The Board shall purchase liability insurance and errors-and-omissions insurance to protect its members individually and collectively for claims made against them as a result of their membership on the Board.

The Board shall rely on the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. 24-10-101 *et seq.* (the Act) as the statement of its obligation to defend and indemnify Board members. If the Board elects to provide for the defense of a Board member in a claim which alleges willful and wanton conduct by the Board member, the Board may require the Board member to post a reasonable bond to ensure reimbursement of any amounts advanced, in accordance with the Act.

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LEGAL REF.: 20 USC 2361 through 2368 (*Coverdell Teacher Protection Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 limits the liability of school board members*)
C.R.S. 22-12-101 *et seq.* (*Teacher and School Administrator Protection Act also limits liability of school board members*)
C.R.S. 22-32-104 (5) (*board member compensation*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1(9) (*immunity provisions in safe schools law also apply to school board members*)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1) (n), (u) (*power to provide necessary expenses*)
C.R.S. 24-10-101 *et seq.* (*Colorado Governmental Immunity Act*)
C.R.S. 24-18-104 (3) (d), (e) (*reimbursements are not considered gifts*)

CROSS REF.: EI, Insurance Program/Risk Management