

## BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

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No member of the Board of Education shall receive compensation for his/her services as a Board member.

The Board of Education will reimburse Board members for travel and related expenses provided the expenses are related to and within the scope of the Board member's current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. All eligible travel and related expenses to be reimbursed by the Board shall be educationally necessary and fiscally prudent.

Any travel and related expenses to be reimbursed to a Board member by the Board shall receive prior approval by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and shall be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-14.1.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(c)3., all travel and related expense reimbursements shall be in compliance with New Jersey travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02 and NJOMB Circular A-87, including any amendments or revisions thereto. The travel and related expense restrictions and requirements set forth in these NJOMB circulars for applicable expenses incurred by Board members to be reimbursed shall apply and include, but not be limited to: types of travel; travel advances; methods of transportation; routing of travel; mileage allowance; meal allowance; overnight travel; and submission of supporting documentation including receipts, checks, and vouchers. The mileage allowance shall be in accordance with collective bargaining agreements, any individual contracts, or as approved by the Board, as appropriate.

A Board member who receives travel and related expense reimbursement in accordance with the provisions of this policy shall, within thirty calendar days after incurring such expenses, submit a brief report to the Board of Education regarding, at the minimum, the primary purpose of the travel and a summary of the goals and key issues that were addressed through the travel and related expense. This report may not be required if this information was submitted in order to receive initial Board approval.

Travel and related expenses will only be reimbursed to a Board member in accordance with the provisions of this Bylaw and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. Detailed documentation supporting all reimbursed travel and related expenses, including the travel approval requests approved by the Board, travel documentation reports, and receipts shall be maintained in the Board of Education office.

Travel caused by or subject to contractual provisions, other statutory requirements of federal regulatory requirements and travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary or unavoidable, shall be excluded from the requirements of this Policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. The reason(s) for such exception shall be clearly set forth in detailed documentation and approved by Board resolution.

The Board of Education shall establish in its annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement. A Board that violates its established maximum travel expenditures or that otherwise is not in compliance with the travel limitations of N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., may be subject to sanctions by the Commissioner of Education as authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-23 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-34, including reduction of State aid in the amount equal to any excess expenditure.

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