Bylaws of the Board

Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits

Remuneration:

Each member of the Governing Board may receive compensation of \$30 per meeting but no more than \$120 per month.

Board members are not required to accept payment for meetings attended.

Members may be paid for meetings missed when the Board, by resolution, finds that they were performing designated duties of the District at the time of the meeting. During any fiscal year, members also may be paid for up to two meetings when the Board, by resolution, finds that they were absent because of illness. (EC 35120)

In order to receive compensation for any Board meeting, Board members shall be present for the complete meeting or for at least fifty (50%) percent of the meeting time.

Reimbursement of Expenses:

Board members shall be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in attending meetings or making trips on official District business when so authorized in advance by the Board (Education Code 35044). The rate of reimbursement shall not exceed limitations specified for District personnel. Board members may use District-issued credit cards while on official District business. Under no circumstances may personal expenses be charged on District credit cards.

Health and Welfare Benefits

Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees. Board members who elect to participate shall pay the full cost of premiums, or whatever portion of the premium the medical insurance company requires. The district pays the other portion of the premium.

Benefits for Retired Board Members

Any member whose first term of office began on or after January 1, 1995, and any other member retiring from the Board after at least one term, may continue the health and welfare benefits program at his/her own expense if coverage is in effect at the time of retirement. (Government Code <u>53201</u>)

Legal Reference: EDUCATION CODE 1090 Compensation for members and mileage allowance 33362 Reimbursement of expenses (Department of Education and CSBA workshops) 35012 Board members; number, election and term 35044 Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board 35120 Compensation (services as member of governing board) 35172 Promotional activities 44038 Cash deposits for transportation purchased on credit ELECTIONS CODE 9140-9147 Referendum for county elections 9340-9342 Referendum for local public entities 17200 Preservation of referendum petitions GOVERNMENT CODE 20322 Elective officers; election to become member 53200-53209 Group insurance UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26

403(b) Tax-sheltered annuities COURT DECISIONS Thorning v. Hollister School District, (1992) 11 Cal.App.4th 1598 Board of Education of the Palo Alto Unified School District v. Superior Court of Santa Clara County, (1979) 93 Cal.App.3d 578 ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS 83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 124 (2000)