

Bylaws of the Board

Student Board Members

The Board believes it is important to seek out and consider students' ideas, viewpoints, and reactions to the educational program. In order to provide student input and involvement, the Board shall include a High School student selected by the High School Student Council.

The term of the student Board member shall be one calendar year, commencing on July 1. The Student Board member shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed sessions. (Education Code 35012)

The Student Board member shall be seated with regular Board members and be recognized at meetings as a full member. He/she may participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues and shall receive all materials presented to Board members except those related to closed sessions. (EC 35012)

The Student Board member may be reimbursed for mileage but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings. (EC 35012)

The Student Board member may cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential votes shall be cast prior to the official Board vote and shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. Preferential votes shall be recorded in the Board meeting minutes. (Ed Code 35012)

The Student Board member may make motions that may be acted upon by the Board, except on matters dealing with employer-employee relations pursuant to Government Code 3540-3549.3. (EC 35012)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33000.5 Appointment of student members to State Board of Education

35012 Board members; number, election and terms; pupil members

GOVERNMENT CODE

3540-3549.3 Meeting and Negotiating in Public Educational Employment

Mendocino Unified School District

Board Bylaw 9250

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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 53201)

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)