

## BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for payment of board expenses.

Under state law, board members ~~receive no compensation for their services but may be paid a per diem and mileage for attendance at board meetings.~~ may be compensated in an amount up to eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) per month per board member and nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) per month for the board chairperson. No payment shall be made for any meeting the board member has not “substantially attended,” meaning the member shall have considered, and voted upon, more than 50 percent of the issues presented at that meeting.

Board members may attend any in-state meeting or conference at their discretion within the limits of the budget. Each board member may utilize up to one-ninth of the board’s travel budget allocation for the board. Out-of-state meetings and expenditures by one member of more than one-ninth of the budget travel allocation for the board, require board approval. After any out-of-state meeting, the member shall report to the board about the meeting. Each board member may also choose to reallocate unused funds in the regular travel account by mutual consent of affected board members, i.e. those who have not expended their allocated amount; however, the total line item for this purpose must not be exceeded.

The district shall reimburse board members for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in attending any meeting or conference when on official business of the board or the Charleston County School District and for mileage when on official Charleston County School District business outside attendance at school board and Committee of the Whole Meetings. No payment shall be made without a receipt for the expenditure claimed and policy DKC (Expense Authorization/Reimbursement) applies. Purchasing Cards (P-Cards) may be issued to board members with a monthly limit not to exceed \$400.00 to be used for district-related expenses like office supplies (paper, printer cartridges), meals up to \$100.00 a month and travel expenses. Policy DKC and district regulations, with the exceptions of meal purchases, in the Procurement Card Program Cardholders Manual pertaining to P-Cards apply.

The board chair will serve as the approving officer.

Such expenditures for each board member shall be published annually in August.

Cf. DKC

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Legal References:

A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 8-15-10 - Compensation of public officials.
2. Section 59-1-350 - Compensation of board members.

B. S.C. Acts and Joint Resolutions:

1. 1967 Act 340 - Creates the School District of Charleston County and abolishes the county board of education; sets forth the powers of the constituent district boards.
2. 1975 Act 142, Section 3 - Amends 1967 Act 340 to increase per diem for boards.
3. 1983 Act 230, Section 3 - Amends 1967 Act 340 to increase the number of meetings which the trustees may be paid for attending.

