


BOARD AGENDA ITEM

<b>00/00/0000</b> <b>Committee of the Whole Meeting</b>		<b>7/28/2017</b> <b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Action Item</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Information Only</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Open Session</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive Session</b>	
<b>Section:</b>	Other Items		
<b>Title:</b>	Policy BID – Board Member Compensation		
<b>Originator/Department:</b>	Todd Garrett, Eric Mack, Priscilla Jeffrey and Chris Staubes		
<b>Agenda Item Number:</b>	V		
<b>Background/Discussion:</b>	<p>At its July 17, 2017, meeting, the Charleston County Board of Trustees passed second reading of Policy BID.</p> <p>Subsequently, a lawsuit was filed, alleging that the Board does not have the authority to grant itself a pay raise.</p> <p>The Board will receive legal advice regarding this matter.</p>		
<b>Goals &amp; Budget:</b>			
<p><b>Recommendation:</b> Move to rescind the changes approved for Policy BID at the July 17, 2017 meeting and restore the policy to its previous wording. The Board agrees not to further amend Policy BID without express legislative authority. The Board agrees to engage the Charleston County Legislative Delegation to review options for compensation increases for the Charleston County School Board members and the eight Constituent Boards.</p>			
<b>Person(s) Responsible for Implementation:</b>	Natalie Ham		
<b>Superintendent's Approval:</b>			
<b>Board Member(s) Approval:</b>			
<b>Attachment(s):</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>	

## BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

Code **BID** Issued **7/17**

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

Under state law, board members may receive compensation for their services, and may be paid a per diem and mileage for attendance at board meetings. 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.

### Compensation

All County Trustees shall be annually compensated 40% of a base first year teacher salary, the chairman shall receive an extra \$1000 annually, for attending meetings and for providing services with financial implications. All Constituent District Trustees shall be annually compensated 20% of a base first year teacher salary, the chairmen shall receive an extra \$500 annually, for attending meetings and for providing services with financial implications. All board members shall receive their compensation in accordance with the district's established payroll schedule.

### Per Diem

Consistent with the Act of Consolidation (1967 Act 340), as amended, the county board of trustees shall receive a per diem allowance of twenty-five (25) dollars for meetings actually attended, and the members of the respective boards of trustees of the several constituent districts shall receive a per diem allowance of fifteen (15) dollars for meetings actually attended, both not exceeding fifty meeting per year. No per diem 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 the meeting.

### Mileage and Travel

All board members shall receive travel mileage rates allowed by the Internal Revenue Service and the state travel regulations as adopted by the county board to attend meetings, conferences and other special events which they attend as representatives of their respective board.

In accordance with the General Services Administration guidelines (found at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/104877>), the district shall reimburse board members for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in attending any meeting or conference when on official business of their respective board, the Charleston County School District, or any of the constituent school districts. No payment shall be made without a receipt for the expenditure claimed and policy DKC (Expense Authorization/Reimbursement) applies. No board member may have a district credit card.

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

Cf. DKC

Adopted 10/25/82; Revised 7/26/04, 3/13/06, 2/11/08, 8/25/08, 5/9/11, 5/2/16, 7/17/17

Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
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  - 2. Section 59-1-350 - Compensation of board members.

**Charleston County School District**

B. Acts and joint Resolutions:

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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.

Approved 7/17/17



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Code **BID** Issued **5/16**

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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.

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