

School Board Member Compensation/Expenses/Insurance/Liability

Board members shall receive no compensation for their services. However, upon submitting vouchers and supporting bills for expenses incurred in carrying out specific services previously authorized by the Board, Board members may be reimbursed from district funds.

Such expenses may include the cost of attendance at conferences of school boards associations and other professional meetings/visitations when such attendance and expense payment has had prior Board approval.

The Board shall purchase liability insurance and errors-and-omissions insurance to protect its members individually and collectively for claims made against them as a result of their membership on the Board.

The Board shall rely on the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, C.R.S. 24-10-101 *et seq.* (the Act) as the statement of its obligation to defend and indemnify Board members. If the Board elects to provide for the defense of a Board member in a claim which alleges willful and wanton conduct by the Board member, the Board may require the Board member to post a reasonable bond to ensure reimbursement of any amounts advanced, in accordance with the Act.

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LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 2361 through 2368 (*Coverdell Teacher Protection Act contained in No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 limits the liability of school board members*)
C.R.S. 22-12-101 *et seq.* (*Teacher and School Administrator Protection Act also limits liability of school board members*)
C.R.S. 22-32-104 (5) (*board member compensation*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109.1 (9) (*immunity provisions in safe schools law also apply to school board members*)
C.R.S. 22-32-110 (1)(n), (u) (*power to provide necessary expenses*)
C.R.S. 24-10-101 *et seq.* (*Colorado Governmental Immunity Act*)
C.R.S. 24-18-104 (3)(d), (e) (*reimbursements are not considered gifts*)

CROSS REF.: EI, Insurance Program/Risk Management

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