Kentfield School Board Remuneration, Reimbursement And Other Benefits

Compensation

The members of the Governing Board view their Board service as a voluntary contribution to the community and elect not to receive the compensation to which they are entitled pursuant to Education Code <u>35120</u>. Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when performing services directed by the Board. The rate of reimbursement shall be the same rate specified for district personnel. (Education Code <u>35044</u>) (cf. <u>9240</u> - Board Development)

Health and Welfare Benefits for Current Board Members

Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees. (cf. <u>4154/4254/4354</u> - Health and Welfare Benefits)

Health and welfare benefits for Board members shall be no greater than that received by the district's nonsafety employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code <u>53208.5</u>)

The district shall pay the premiums required for Board members electing to participate in the district health and welfare benefits program to the same extent that it pays for district employees.

Health and welfare benefits provided to Board members shall be extended at the same level to their spouse/registered domestic partner and to their eligible dependent children as specified in law and the health plan.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Former Board Members

Former Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees under the conditions specified below.

Any former Board member leaving the Board after at least one term of office may participate in 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>)

Health and welfare benefits provided to a former Board member shall be extended, at his/her expense and at the same level, to his/her spouse/registered domestic partner and eligible dependent children as specified in law and the health plan.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33050-33053 General waiver authority 33362-33363 Reimbursement of expenses for attendance at workshops 35012 Board members; number, election and term 35044 Payment of traveling expenses of representatives of board 35120 Compensation for services as member of governing board 35172 Promotional activities 44038 Cash deposits for transportation purchased on credit

FAMILY CODE

297-297.5 Rights, protections and benefits under law; registered domestic partners

GOVERNMENT CODE

8314 Use of public resources
20322 Elective officers; election to become member
20420-20445 Membership in Public Employees' Retirement System; definition of safety employees
53200-53209 Group insurance
54952.3 Simultaneous or serial meetings; announcement of compensation

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1373 Health services plan, coverage for dependent children

INSURANCE CODE

10277-10278 Group and individual health insurance, coverage for dependent children UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 26 403 Tax-sheltered annuities UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42 18011 Right to maintain existing health coverage CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 26 1.403(b)-2 Tax-sheltered annuities, definition of employee 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

91 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 37 (2008) 83 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 124 (2000)

Management Resources:

INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS Sample Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy Statement, January 2006

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plans (403(b) Plans) for Employees of Public Schools and Certain Tax-Exempt Organizations, Publication 571, rev. February 2013

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