## BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

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## BOARD OPERATIONS BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

July 15, 2024

The District may pay (through reimbursement or otherwise) the actual and necessary expenses incurred by its Board members in the discharge of their official duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board.

Board members are encouraged to attend educational, leadership, and developmental classes, workshops, conferences, and seminars that may assist them in the performance of their duties. Members may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, which include registration fees, costs of travel, lodging, and meals (not including alcoholic beverages).

The approval of Board expenses and reimbursements shall be conducted according to the following stipulations:

- Direct District expenditures must be approved by the Board at a voting Board meeting prior to the expenses being incurred.
- Individual Board member reimbursements must be approved at a voting Board meeting prior to payment of the reimbursement to the Board member.
- In order to facilitate the aforementioned approvals, the Board will bring forth an annual request for approval at the start of each school year with the intent of preapproving anticipated professional development expenditures.
- Any Board expenditures associated with out-of-state events, travel, etc., or any Board expense that totals \$750 or above must be brought to a voting Board meeting, separate from the annual preapproval request, for approval prior to the expense being incurred.

Members shall be subject to the same per diem and mileage rates as employees of the District. The District's standard expense reporting procedure will be followed.

**LEGAL REF: MCL 380.1254**