



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Meeting: September 19, 2019 – Regular Board of Education Meeting

Category: Business Item

Subject: Board Member Cell Phone Stipend for Board Business

RECOMMENDATION

It is the administration's recommendation that the School Board review the cell phone stipend and determine whether it should be added to the board bylaws or ended.

If it is added to the bylaws, it should be added to BB 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement, and Other Benefits, which currently reads:

Bylaws of the Board

BB 9250

REMUNERATION, REIMBURSEMENT, AND OTHER BENEFITS

Stipend

The School Board recognizes the time and personal effort Board members give to the district. Each member of the School Board may receive a stipend as determined by Board action. (Set at \$100/day by Board action 04/17/81.)

Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in attending any meetings or in making any trips on official business of the school district when so authorized in advance by the Board.

(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

(cf. 4133, 4233, 4333 - Travel Expenses)

Benefits

Board members may participate in the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.14.140 Restriction on employment

PERTINENT FACTS:

At the November 15, 2007, the school board decided to allow a monthly stipend for those board members who use their cell phones for board business. The minutes from that board meeting included the following:

CELL PHONE STIPEND

- Superintendent Lauren Burch proposed a \$30 per month stipend to reimburse School Board members for the time used conducting Board business with their cell phones. Currently Dan Edenshaw, Rick Peterson, Nick Gefre, and Elaine Price have cell phones. Ms. Price said that coverage is sketchy in Coffman Cove. Although she and Gary Wilburn are not likely to use the stipend, it would be helpful to the Board members who have phones and coverage.

Motion: *Approve the Cell Phone Stipend of \$30 per month.*

F/S: *Peterson/Edenshaw*

Discussion: Gary Wilburn noted that this was a good idea, helping Board members to keep in contact and saving time and effort. Nick Gefre asked if Board members would need to fill out a stipend for reimbursement. Lauren Burch said yes, Board members would need to fill out a stipend request. Lynn Bateman questioned whether this stipend would be added to Board Policy or separate. Nick Gefre stated that this stipend would be separate.

Status: *The motion passed.*

In Favor: Peterson, Edenshaw, Price, Gefre, Wilburn. Against: None.