

Sometimes such statements imply, or the readers (listeners) infer, that the opinions expressed or statements made are the official positions of the Board. The misunderstandings that can result from these incidents can embarrass both the Board member and the Board. Therefore, when writing or speaking on Academy matters to the media, legislators, and other officials, Board members should make it clear that their views do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board or those of their colleagues on the Board.

This policy shall apply to all statements and/or writings by individual Board members that are not explicitly sanctioned by a majority of its members, except as follows:

- A. correspondence, such as legislative proposals, when the Board member has received official guidance from the Board on the matters discussed in the letter;
- B. routine (not for publication) correspondence of the School Leader and other Board employees;
- C. routine "thank you" letters of the Board;
- D. statements by Board members on non-Academy matters (providing the statements do not identify the author as a member of the Board);  
or
- E. personal statements not intended for publication.

0144     **Operations**

0144.1    **Compensation**

Board members shall not receive annual compensation for service as a Board Member.

0144.11   **Reimbursement of Expenses**

By resolution of the Board, expenses of a Board member shall be reimbursed, when incurred in the performance of his/her duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board and duly vouchered. The following guidelines, established by the Board of Directors, ensure appropriate and proper reimbursement of expenses for Board members:

- A. Expenses will be reimbursed only for activities authorized by the Board.
- B. Reimbursement for mileage will not exceed the current Internal Revenue Service rate.

- C. When attending a Board-approved conference, all fees, parking, mileage, meals, and housing will be reimbursed upon submission of original receipts.
- D. Purchase of any printed or other materials relating to Board membership will be reimbursed, if Board gives pre-purchase approval. If such approval is not possible or feasible, a voucher must be submitted to the Board for approval.
- E. No entertainment expenses or purchases of alcoholic beverages are reimbursable.
- F. A voucher, detailing the amount and nature of each expense, must be submitted to the Board for approval at a Board meeting, after the expenses have been incurred and prior to reimbursement.

0144.2 **Board Member Ethics** (Source: Board of Directors, National School Boards Association)

Members of the Board of Directors will strive to improve public education. To that end, Board members will do the following:

- A. remember that their first and greatest concern must be for the educational welfare of the students attending the Academy.
- B. attend all regularly scheduled and special Board meetings, insofar as possible, and stay informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- C. endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- D. render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, refusing to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- E. encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members and seek systematic communications among the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;
- F. work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies and delegate authority for the administration of the Academy to the Educational Service Provider or School Leader;
- G. communicate to other Board members and the Educational Service Provider/School Leader expressions of public reaction to Board policies and Academy programs;