

## GOVERNANCE

## Policy 203-R

### Trustee Stipend and Expenses

#### **Trustee Stipend**

Trustees act as an interface between their community and the education system, establishing policies to govern the district. Such oversight requires of trustees considerable knowledge, time and effort.

This work of school trustees in exercising their duties is recognized by payment of an annual stipend.

In recognition of the additional responsibilities of their roles, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Board will be allotted a sum in addition to the trustee stipend.

#### **Trustee Expenses**

The Board believes all trustees require resources to effectively assist them in carrying out their duties and will provide such resources to trustees during their term in office.

The Board may also direct trustees to engage in activities on its behalf or trustees may, on their own initiative, engage in activities wherein individual trustees incur personal expenses not covered by the expense allowance of their annual stipend. These expenses and activities may take the form of the following:

- *Hosting*
  - Individual trustees may, from time to time, host a meal or refreshments for individuals engaged with them in School Board business.
  - The goals and outcomes of the meeting as well as a list of attendees shall be reported to the Board.
  - The Board will not fund such meetings if held for political advantage.
  - Further, spontaneously held functions hosted by individual or groups of individual trustees from June to December in a normal civic election year will not be considered for reimbursement.
  
- *Community Relations and Fundraising*
  - Trustees have discretion to attend functions that foster District or school relations or that have significant benefit for students, in accordance with the Administrative Guidelines established to support this regulation.

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