AGENDA
AMADOR COUNTY SELPA
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING ACOE

Meeting Location: Amador County Building, 810 Court Street, Jackson

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 BOARD MEMBERS
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[ ] Deborah Pulskamp
[ ] James Marzano
[ ] Julia Burns
[ ] Kandi Thompson
[ ] Dr. Torie Gibson, District Superintendent / Secretary
[ ] Dr. Steve Russell, County Superintendent

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

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CONSENT AGENDA
7.2 Minutes

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
8.2 Board Bylaw 9250: Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits- Discussion/Action (Mr. Whitaker)
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NEXT MEETING
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ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
AMADOR COUNTY SELPA
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
OPEN SESSION: 4:30 PM

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4.0  ROLL TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

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7.1  CONSENT AGENDA

Motioned by: Thompson
Seconded by: Marzano
Voting: Unanimously Approved

7.2  Minutes

7.2a SELPA Board Meeting 5-12-21

7.3  Personnel (Mr. Vicari)

7.3a Current Personnel Recommendations

8.1  DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

NONE

9.0  NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Amador County SELPA Governing Board is Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

10.0  ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA ITEM #: 8.2

SUBJECT:
Board Bylaw 9250: Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits – Discussion/Action

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
On November 18, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved a new composition of the Amador County SELPA Governing Board to include the members of the ACOE/ACUSD Board of Trustees, the District Superintendent and the County Office of Education Superintendent. While discussing this agenda item, the Board had related discussion to increase the remuneration of the Board due to the additional responsibility of serving on the SELPA Board. The Board approved a subcommittee to study this issue and bring back a recommendation to the full Board. Board Members Thompson and Marzano agreed to serve on this subcommittee.

The Board subcommittee met on November 30, 2020 and February 4, 2021. Legal counsel was sought on various related questions. Education Code section 35120(a)(5) provides a maximum monthly contribution for board members of school districts with an ADA of 10,000 or less (but greater than 1,000) of $240. However, Section 35120(e) allows this compensation to be increased annually above the statutory limits, provided the increase does not exceed 5% of the present monthly compensation. Section 35120(e) provides:

On an annual basis, the governing board may increase the compensation of individual board members **beyond the limits delineated in this section**, in an amount not to exceed 5 percent based on the present monthly rate of compensation. An increase made pursuant to this subdivision shall be effective upon approval by the governing board. (Emphasis added.)

Based on the history in Amador County Public Schools wherein a remuneration increase has not been made, the subcommittee recommends the following:

- Advise the Amador County SELPA Board to consider the addition of remuneration in its bylaws in the amount of $124 per meeting.

The Board discussed this item at the February 24, 2021 meeting and voted to table it until a later date. At this time, we wish to resolve this issue as of August 25, 2021.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:
Total annual cost not to exceed $3,000, funded by the general fund.

RECOMMENDATION:
The ACUSD Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the subcommittee’s recommendation.

PRESENTED BY:
Jim Whitaker, SELPA Board President
Compensation

Each member of the Board of Trustees may receive the maximum monthly compensation as provided for in Education Code 35120.

On an annual basis, the Board may increase the compensation of Board members beyond the limit delineated in Education Code 35120 in an amount not to exceed five percent based on the present monthly rate of compensation. (Education Code 35120)

Board members are not required to accept payment for meetings attended.

Any member who does not attend all Board meetings during the month is eligible to receive only a percentage of the monthly compensation equal to the percentage of meetings he/she attended, unless otherwise authorized by the Board in accordance with law. (Education Code 35120) Board members do not receive compensation for agenda setting meetings or committee meetings.

A member may be compensated for up to two missed meetings per year for designated services for the district at the time of the meeting that he/she was absent or because of illness, jury duty, vacation, family business, or a hardship deemed acceptable by the Board. (Education Code 35120) Beyond two missed meetings, members may be compensated through a resolution of the Board.

Student Board members shall receive no compensation for meetings attended. (Education Code 35012)

(cf. 9150 - Student Board Members)

Whenever a quorum of Board members serves as another legislative body which will meet simultaneously or in serial order to a Board meeting, the Board clerk or a member of the Board shall verbally announce the amount of any additional compensation or stipend that each member will be entitled to receive as a result of convening the simultaneous or serial meeting. (Government Code 54952.3)

Reimbursement of Expenses

Board members shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred when performing authorized services for the district. Expenses for travel, telephone, business meals, or other authorized purposes shall be in accordance with policies established for district personnel and at the same rate of reimbursement.

(cf. 1160 - Political Processes)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)
(cf. 3513.1 - Cellular Phone Reimbursement)

Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when performing services directed by the Board. (Education Code 35044)

(cf. 9240 - Board Development)

Authorized purposes may include, but are not limited to, attendance at educational seminars or conferences designed to improve Board members’ skills and knowledge; participation in regional, state, or national organizations whose activities affect the district’s interests; attendance at district or community events; and meetings with state or federal officials on issues of community concern.

Personal expenses shall be the responsibility of individual Board members. Personal expenses include, but are not limited to, the personal portion of any trip, tips or gratuities, alcohol, entertainment, laundry, expenses of any family member who is accompanying the Board member on district-related business, personal use of an automobile, and personal losses and traffic violation fees incurred while on district business.

Any questions regarding the propriety of a particular type of expense should be resolved by the Superintendent or
designee before the expense is incurred.

Health and Welfare Benefits for Current Board Members

Board members may participate in the health and welfare benefits program provided for district employees. (cf. 4154/4254/4354 - 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 53208.5)

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.

Health and welfare benefits for former Board members shall be no greater than those received by district nonsafety employees with the most generous schedule of benefits. (Government Code 53208.5)

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 53201)

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.