



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item # 12.4

Meeting Date: December 12, 2013

Subject: Board of Education Stipends

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board of Education

Recommendation: Ratify Stipend Payment Process

Background/Rationale: Board Bylaw No. 9250 and Education Code section 35120 provide that school board members can be paid for missed meetings under the following circumstances: (1) jury duty; (2) illness; (3) performing other school district duties at the same time a board meeting is held; or (4) a hardship as determined by the governing board of a school district. Any such excused absences shall be subsequently approved by board resolution pursuant to the Bylaw and Education Code. If a Board member misses an entire meeting for reasons other than specified above, a Board member may only be paid a pro rata portion of a stipend for Board meetings attended, as compensation, for a given month. District staff has already implemented a process, subject to Board ratification, to insure that no member of the Board of Education is paid a stipend for a missed meeting unless there is a documented reason, as stated above, and approved by a subsequent Board resolution. An audit is being conducted by the Chief Business Officer in order to notify any individual Board members to refund, with interest, for any stipend inadvertently paid for a missed meeting, unless the Board member submits a valid reason, subject to approval by Board resolution, for payment of such stipend within two weeks of notification by the Business Services Office. The audit, in arrears, for repayment of stipends, with interest, shall be completed by the Chief Business Officer no later than December 31, 2013. Any Board resolution approving any payment in arrears shall be adopted no later than January 31, 2014.

Financial Considerations: As determined by audit of the Business Services Office.

Documents Attached: Board Bylaw 9250

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: General Counsel

Approved by: Superintendent