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**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Community Schools, Thriving Students

## Memo

**To** Board of Education

**From** Valerie Bachelor, Director District 6  
VanCedric Williams, Director District 3  
Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent  
Tara Gard, Chief of Talent  
Jenine Lindsey, Interim General Counsel

**Board Meeting Date** March 27, 2024

**Subject** Resolution No. 2324-0072 – Amending Board Bylaw 9150 Student Directors – Adding Compensation and Elective Course Credit for Student Directors of the Board of Education

**Action Requested** Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2324-0072 – Amending Board Bylaw 9150 Student Directors – Adding Compensation and Elective Course Credit for Student Directors of the Board of Education

**Background** In order to enhance communication and collaboration between the Governing Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance. The Governing Board through its adopted by-laws authorizes two pupil members to be known as "Student Directors." This authorization provides an established means for pupils of the District to be represented on the Board of Education. Current by-laws entitle Student Directors only to reimbursement for mileage, but no compensation for attendance at Board meetings.

On October 7, 2023, Governor Newsom signed into law SB 275, titled: School governance: governing boards: pupil members: compensation (Chapter 321, Statutes of 2023). Amending Sections 1000, 1090, 35012, 35120, and 47604.2 of the Education Code relating to school governance,

SB 275 gives school district boards and county boards of education the option to compensate student board members for their work by awarding a student board member either a monthly compensation, elective course credit, or both.

To demonstrate the District and the Governing Board values the vital contribution its student school board members make in sharing their ideas and opinions on important issues that impact students, education, and the school community, this resolution provides compensation consistent with SB 275.

**Discussion**

The Resolution would provide the following:

- Effective January 1, 2024, monetary compensation to all Student Directors in the same amount as issued to adult Trustees.
- The issuance of elective course credit to Student Directors as applicable to their public service as Trustees, effective the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year.

**Fiscal Impact**

Approximately \$10,500 annually

**Attachment(s)**

Resolution No. 2324-0072 - Amending Board Bylaw 9150 Student Directors – Adding Compensation and Elective Course Credit for Student Directors of the Board of Education

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2324-0072**

**AMENDING BOARD BYLAW 9150 STUDENT DIRECTORS – ADDING COMPENSATION AND ELECTIVE COURSE CREDIT FOR STUDENT DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WHEREAS**, in order to enhance communication and collaboration between the Governing Board and the student body and to teach students the importance of civic involvement, the Board supports the participation of high school students in district governance;

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board through its adopted by-laws authorizes two pupil members to be known as "Student Directors";

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Board seeks to acknowledge the invaluable work and commitment to uplifting the voices of students District wide;

**WHEREAS**, AB 275 amends existing law to allow the Governing Board of the District to provide pupil board members with elective credit or monthly financial compensation, or both for attending board meetings to the same extent that regular board members of a District are compensated;

**WHEREAS**, On October 7, 2023, Governor Newsom signed into law SB 275, titled: School governance: governing boards: pupil members: compensation (Chapter 321, Statutes of 2023)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District does hereby approve Student Board Member compensation in the same amount as issued to adult Trustees, effective January 1, 2024, pursuant to Assembly Bill 275; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to issue elective course credit to Student Board Members as applicable to their public service as Trustees effective the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, Board Policy 9150 be and hereby is amended as follows:

Student Directors shall be entitled to: (1) be reimbursed for mileage to the same extent as other members of the Board, (2) earn elective course credit for their public service as Student Directors, and (3) be compensated in the same manner as other members of the Board. ~~but shall not receive compensation for attendance at Board meetings.~~ (Education Code 35012).

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSE:

ABSENT:

### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on March 27, 2024.

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Benjamin Davis  
President, Board of Education

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Kyla Johnson-Trammell  
Superintendent and Secretary, Board of Education

Attachments: Board Bylaw 9150 Student Directors (Red-lined Copy)  
Board Bylaw 9150 Student Directors (Clear Copy)

# OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board Bylaw

### BB 9150 Board Bylaws

#### Student Directors

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#### Election of Student Directors

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*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*  
*(cf. 5121 - Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement)*  
*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

The term of office for a Student Director shall be from July 1 through June 30. (Education Code 35012)

#### Role and Responsibilities of Student Directors

Student Directors shall have the right to attend all Board meetings except closed (executive) sessions. (Education Code 35012)

*(cf. 9321 - Closed Session Purposes and Agendas)*

All materials presented to Board members, except those related to closed sessions, shall be presented to student Board members at the same time they are presented to voting Board members. Student Directors shall also be invited to attend staff briefings or be provided with a separate staff briefing within the same timeframe as the briefing of other Board members. (Education Code 35012)

*(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)*

Student Directors shall be recognized at Board meetings as full member, shall be seated with other members of the Board, and shall be allowed to participate in questioning witnesses and discussing issues. (Education Code 35012)

Student Directors shall be allowed to cast preferential votes on all matters except those subject to closed session discussion. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is

recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the Board. Preferential votes shall not affect the final numerical outcome of a vote. (Education Code 35012)

*(cf. 9324 - Minutes and Recordings)*

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*(cf. 9323.2 - Actions by the Board)*

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*(cf. 3350 - Travel Expenses)*

*(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)*

The Superintendent or designee may periodically provide an orientation for student director candidates to give them an understanding of the responsibilities and expectations of Board service.

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*33000.5 Appointment of student member to State Board of Education*

*35012 Board members; number, election and terms; student members*

*35160 Authority of governing boards*

*GOVERNMENT CODE*

*3540-3549.3 Educational Employment Relations Act*

*Management Resources:*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

*California Association of Student Councils: <http://www.casc.net>*

*California Association of Student Leaders: <http://www.caslboard.com>*

*National School Boards Association: <http://www.nsba.org>*

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