

HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS MONITORING REPORT – GC-10: GOVERNANCE COST

I certify that the information in this report is true.

Signed: Cindy Elsberry Date: June 24, 2013
Cindy Elsberry, Superintendent

Disposition of the Board:

- ☒ In compliance
☐ Not in compliance
☐ Compliance with exception

Signed: Joe DeFeo Date: June 24, 2013
Joe DeFeo, Board Chair

Comments: _____

	Supt	Supt	Bd	Bd
	In compliance	Not in compliance	In compliance	Not in compliance
The Board will invest in its governing capacity as necessary and prudent to assure that the governance function is effective and efficient.	✓		✓	

Interpretation: I interpret this policy to mean that:

The board will budget necessary funds to assure that the board and its members have the knowledge, skills and support necessary for excellent governance. The Board is in compliance with Governance Culture-10.

Evidence of Status of Compliance:

We are in full compliance of this policy. Evidence is listed below:

- New Board members have all completed state mandated new Board member orientation.
- New Board members have completed orientation sessions for all major district departments.
- Board member compensation is scheduled to be reviewed in June, 2013.

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Policy Type: Governance Culture**Governance Cost**

The board will invest in its governing capacity as necessary and prudent to assure that the governance function is effective and efficient.

1. The board will budget necessary funds to assure that the board and its members have the knowledge, skills and support necessary for excellent governance.
 - a. Training and retraining will be used as necessary to orient new members and candidates for membership, as well as to maintain and increase current member skills and knowledge.
 - b. External monitoring assistance will be used as necessary to enable the board to exercise confident control over organizational performance. This includes but is not limited to a fiscal audit.
 - c. Stakeholder dialog strategies will be used as needed to ensure the board's ability to listen effectively to stakeholder viewpoints and values.
2. Each board member shall receive as compensation for his/her services the sum of \$800 monthly, except for the Chair, who shall receive the monthly sum of \$1,120. Board member compensation will be reviewed by June 30 of every odd-numbered year and adjusted, if deemed appropriate, consistent with current market data.

Board members shall have reimbursable out-of-district travel pre-authorized by either the board Chair or Vice-Chair. Pre-authorization is required for all in-state attendance of meetings or training sessions sponsored by the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA), provided Horry County Schools is a member of the SCSBA.

When board members incur expenses in carrying out their responsibilities as board members, they may be reimbursed from district funds in accordance with Horry County Schools Board Travel Guidelines upon submission of vouchers and supporting receipts consistent with District requirements. Board members will have the option to submit reimbursement for in-district travel expenses OR elect to be paid \$300 per month for in-district travel. The board will annually review and approve travel guidelines pertaining to the board.

3. The insurance programs administered by the District for personnel, except for the state insurance program, shall be made available to board members.

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