New London Local School District Board of Education Policy Manual Chapter VIII – Fiscal Management

## **EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS**

The Board of Education may only make expenditures of public funds if the expenditure is for a valid public purpose. Expenditures are for a valid public purpose if the expenditure is required for the general good of all District inhabitants. Second, the primary objective of the expenditure must be to further a public purpose, even if an incidental private end is advanced.

The expenditure of public funds for alcoholic beverages is not a proper public purpose. Therefore, neither Board members nor District staff will be reimbursed for alcoholic beverages.

Further, the Auditor of State has concluded that if prior authorization has been given for an expense, the Auditor will not question an expense reimbursement in the course of an audit for coffee, meals, refreshments or other amenities unless there is a clear indication that the reimbursement is arbitrary or incorrect.

The Board shall pay mileage pursuant to IRS standards to employees engaged in District business as defined by I.R.S. regulations or guidelines.

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