## BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD/EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Per Diem – Board Members and Employees will be issued an advanced per diem in the amount posted on the U.S. General Services Administration (USGSA) found at <a href="https://www.gsa.gov/perdiem">www.gsa.gov/perdiem</a> for the location attending.

The total as per USGSA budgeted per diem will be allowed for each full day a Board Member or an employee is out of the district on an approved overnight business trip. STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS TRAVEL ARE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO PROGRAM GUIDELINES.

- 1. A partial per diem will be paid for travel time to and from overnight approved conference/business.
- 2. Partial per diem for travel time will be taken from the U.S. General Services Administration web page, calculated by the requester taking into consideration the conference/meeting schedule. Partial per diem will be calculated as per USGSA guidelines:
  - a) Breakfast if schedule requires departure prior 7:00 a.m.
  - b) Lunch if schedule requires departure prior 1:00 p.m.
  - c) Dinner if schedule requires departure prior 5:00 p.m.
  - d) Requesters returning to the district after 7:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 6:00 p.m. will receive breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner respectively.
  - e) The above mentioned times are for per diem purpose only; requesters may depart or return at other authorized times without per diem for the additional time out of district.
- 3. Upon return requester will verify all per diem was expended or reimburse the district for any unused per diem.
- 4. No meals will be reimbursed to employees for travel that does not require an overnight trip or is within a 75 mile area.
- 5. A conference/meeting schedule or a notarized statement must be provided to the Finance Office prior to payment.

<u>Lodging</u> – A detailed hotel bill must be submitted prior to reimbursement for budgeted and authorized overnight business trips. A notarized statement must be submitted if other accommodations are provided. No lodging will be approved within a 75 mile area.

- 1. Reimbursement for overnight stays will be determined by the conference/meeting schedule and distance traveled.
- 2. Hotel bills will be limited to \$90.00 total per night. (This includes city taxes and other local taxes and charges. We are exempt from state taxes. If a hotel refuses to exempt the state tax, a written statement must be provided by the hotel.)
- 3. The District will reimburse hotel bills above the \$90.00 limit if approved by the Director of Finance or the lodging has been assigned through a convention housing bureau.

Gratuity/Personal Telephone Calls – The district will not reimburse for gratuity or personal telephone calls.

<u>Mileage/Airfare</u> – The district will reimburse for the use of personal vehicles or the cost of the lowest available airfare. All airline reservations must be made and approved by the Finance Office.

- 1. Personal vehicles will be reimbursed at the current state rate per mile in accordance with the mileage authorized by the state mileage guide.
- 2. Travel by two or more employees to the same destination should be coordinated. Failure to coordinate will result in shared reimbursement expenses.

<u>Taxi/Parking Fees & Car Rental, etc.</u> – The district will reimburse for authorized miscellaneous business expenses. Employees/Board Members should use discretion in obtaining economical prices or means.

<u>Other Travel Guidelines</u> – The district will not pay or reimburse expenses incurred by spouses or unauthorized personnel.

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