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This is a terrible idea! I have been a school board secretary for 11 years in a district where year after year we are making cuts to services and staff. Why would we want to take more money away from our students? To make it optional is a joke, if this passes every district will be pressured to pay their board members eventually. Are we then going to start paying parent volunteers? Once we are paying board members a stipend do we get to evaluate and discipline as needed? We've had board members that only serve to push personal agenda items, or ones that enjoy having a captive audience for their ego trip and we have the AMAZING ones who are volunteers to help improve outcomes for all children! Those people should but likely won't accept a stipend. We have had more interest than ever for budget committee volunteers and board vacancies. Superintendent's need to streamline meetings. Yes there is burnout. What if you limited the number of hours a board needs to attend meetings?